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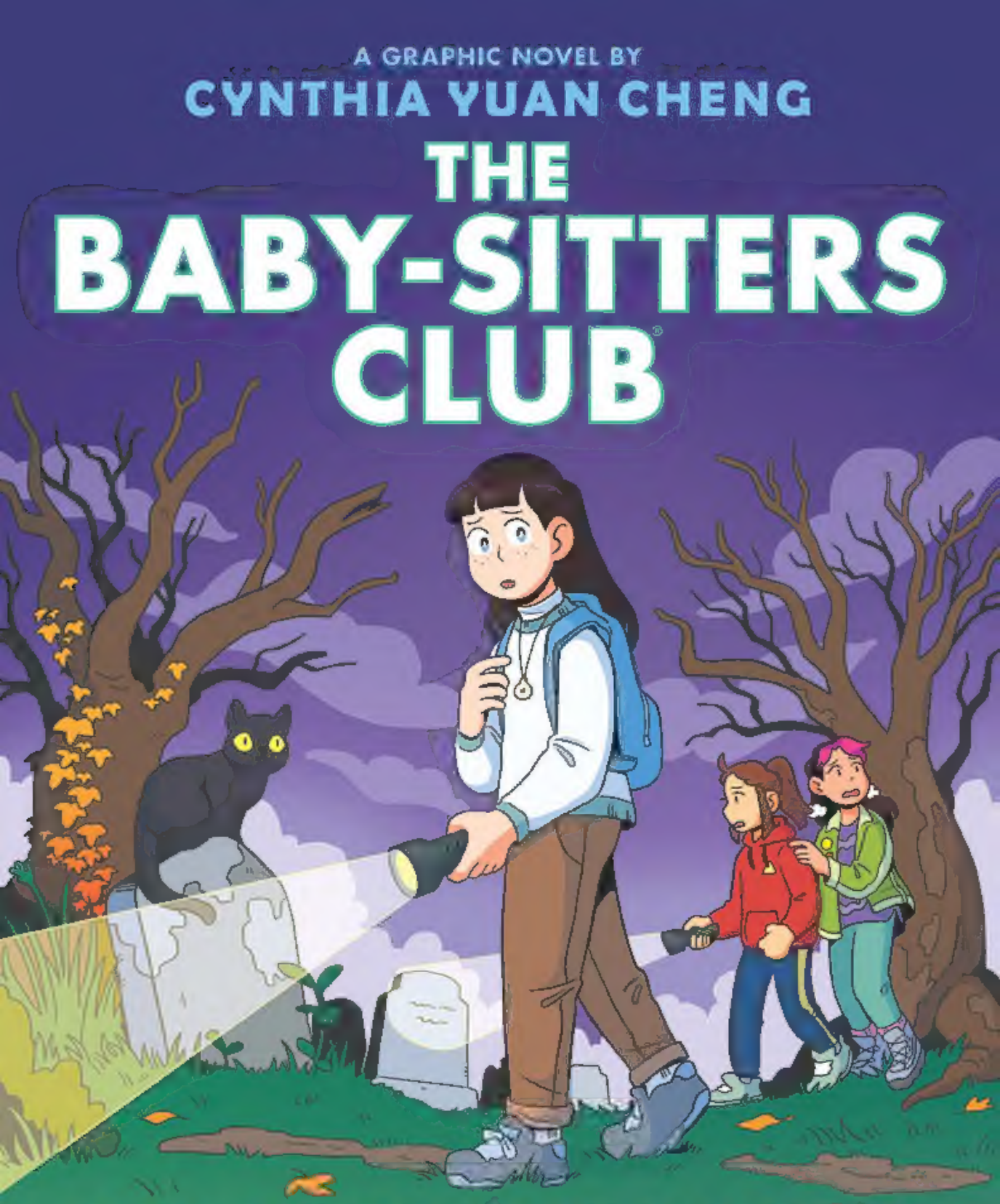

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This book is for Aunt Martha and
in memory of Uncle Lyman
**A. M. M.**

For Mom, who provided my foundation
in both teaching kids and creating art.
For Patrick, who would play the spooky
*Halloween* soundtrack CD to scare me when
we were little. To all the friends I've shared my
Halloween adventures with over the years,
I've been thinking of you fondly.
**C. Y. C.**

**KRISTY THOMAS**
PRESIDENT

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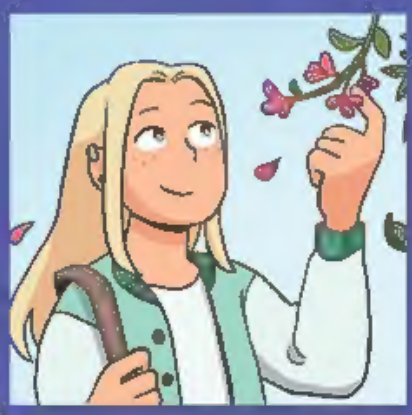
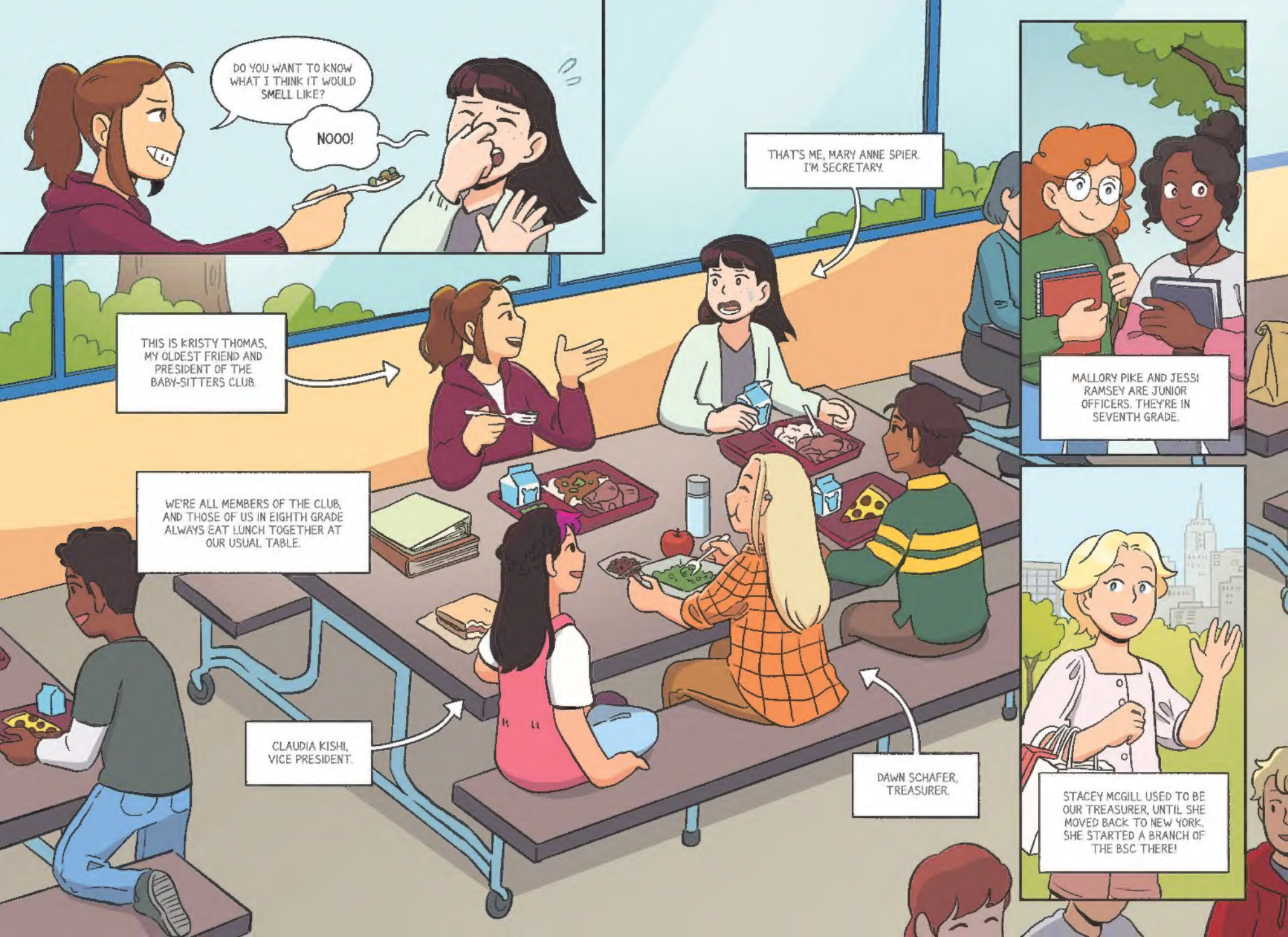


**DAWN SCHAFER**
TREASURER

**JESSI RAMSEY**
JUNIOR OFFICER

**MALLORY PIKE**
JUNIOR OFFICER

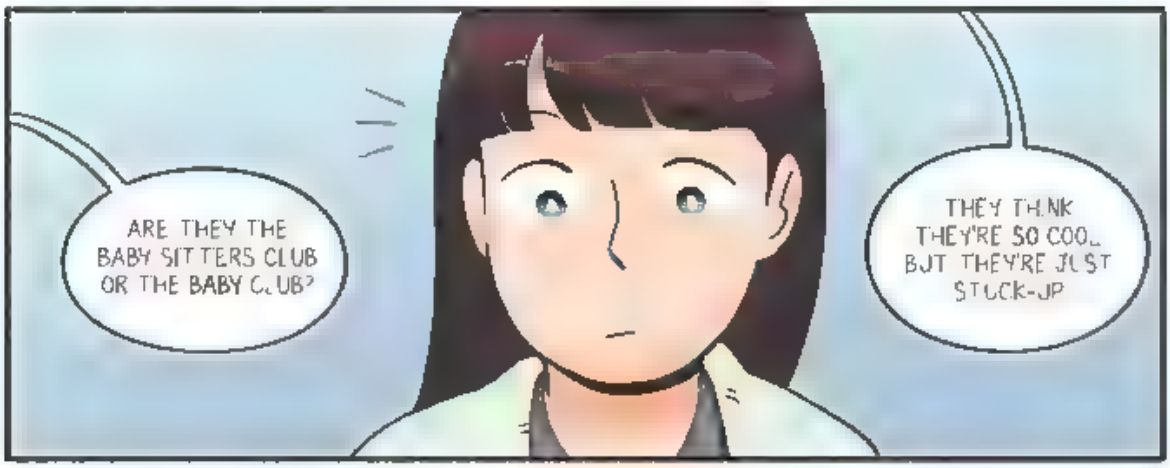
CHAPTER 1
YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN THINKING...
IF I TOOK A BUNCH OF PEAS...
AND PUT THEM IN THE MASHED POTATOES...
AND SMOOSHED THEM ALL TOGETHER...
SQUICK!
IT WOULD LOOK JUST LIKE...
STOP!
STOP RIGHT THERE! I DON'T WANT TO KNOW!
squish!


DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT I THINK IT WOULD SMELL LIKE?
NOOO!
THAT'S ME, MARY ANNE SPIER. I'M SECRETARY.
THIS IS KRISTY THOMAS, MY OLDEST FRIEND AND PRESIDENT OF THE BABY-SITTERS CLUB.
MALLORY PIKE AND JESSI RAMSEY ARE JUNIOR OFFICERS. THEY'RE IN SEVENTH GRADE.
WE'RE ALL MEMBERS OF THE CLUB, AND THOSE OF US IN EIGHTH GRADE ALWAYS EAT LUNCH TOGETHER AT OUR USUAL TABLE.
CLAUDIA KISHI, VICE PRESIDENT.
DAWN SCHAFER, TREASURER.
STACEY MCGILL USED TO BE OUR TREASURER, UNTIL SHE MOVED BACK TO NEW YORK. SHE STARTED A BRANCH OF THE BSC THERE!

ONE OF OUR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS SHANNON K LBOURNE, GOES TO A DIFFERENT SCHOOL
AND FINALLY.
OUT OF CURIOSITY, WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE, KR STY?
GREAT QUEST ON, LOGAN
OH PLEASE DON'T EGG HER ON
LOGAN BRUNO HE'S A..SO AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER. AND MY BOYFRIEND
..UNCH S ONE OF MY FAVOR TE T MES OF THE DAY

AHEM!
WHO'S GOING TO THE HALLOWEEN HOP?
IS IT TIME FOR THAT AGAIN?
OH YEAH HALLOWEEN IS COMING UP SOON
LOVE THIS TIME OF YEAR
WHY? YOU GET DRESSED UP EVERY DAY
I'M JUST TEASING
WELL
LOGAN AND I ARE GOING TO THE HOP
OOH! IN COSTUME?
WE CAN'T DECIDE IT COULD BE FUN THOUGH

Psst
pst
pst
pst
COKIE MASON AND GRACE BLUME. WHAT WAS GOING ON WITH THEM?
pst
pst
right?
ha
ha!
ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT US?
DO I HAVE SOMETHING ON MY FACE?
wipe
wipe
THERE'S NOTHING ON MY SHIRT
??


ARE THEY THE BABY SITTERS CLUB OR THE BABY CLUB?
THEY THINK THEY'RE SO COOL BUT THEY'RE JUST STUCK-UP

EXCUSE ME!

COKIE, GRACE
I DON'T TH.NK YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALK.NG ABOUT.
EVERYONE HERE WORKS VERY HARD WHY S THAT WORTH MAKING FUN OF US?
!
DON'T BE SO B TTER

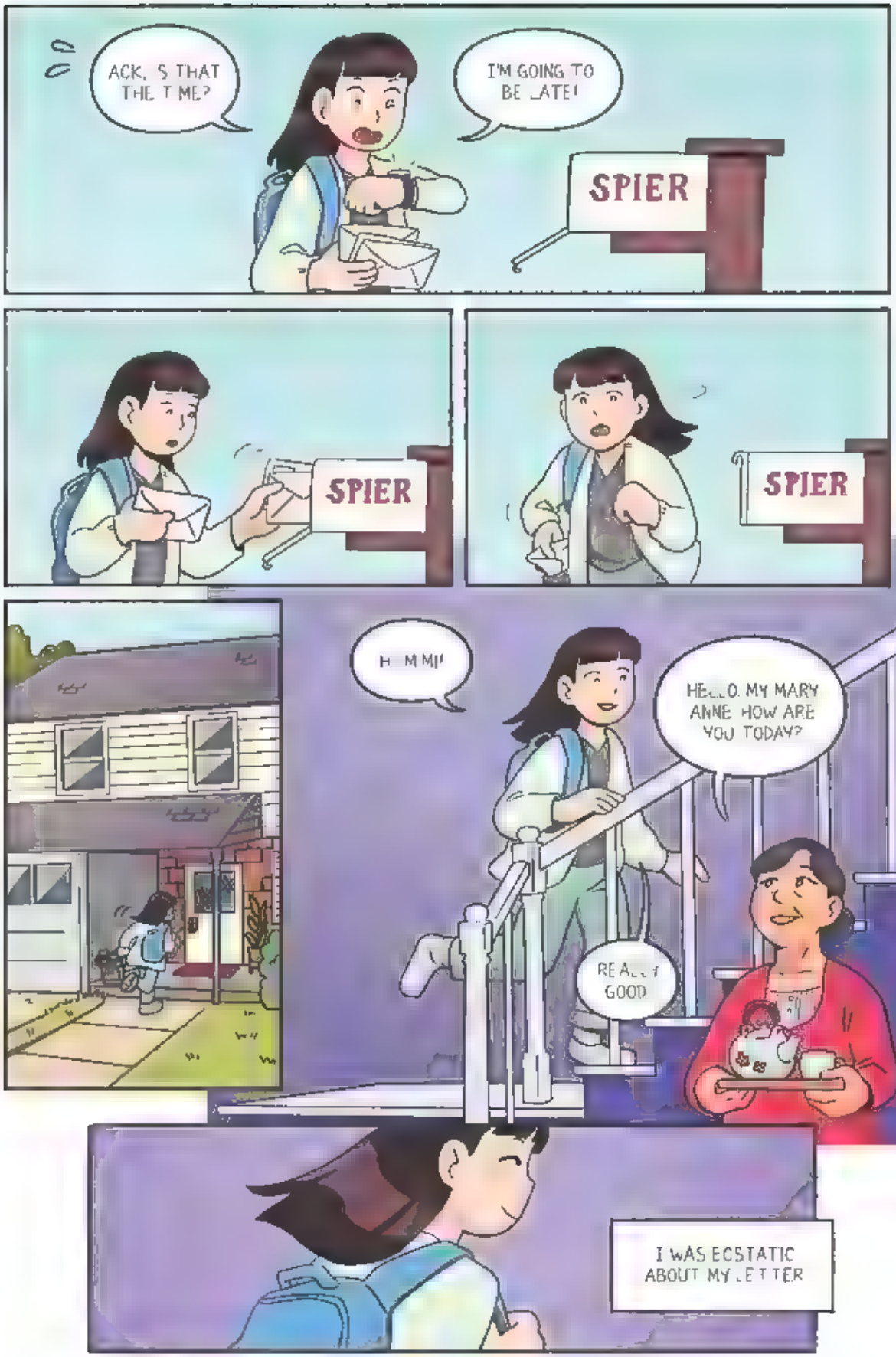
ARE YOU JUST EMBARRASSED BECAUSE BABY-SITTING IS OLD-FASHIONED AND UNCOOL?
ACTUALLY, RUNNING A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS WITH YOUR BEST FRIENDS IS VERY COOL
YOU WOULDN'T KNOW.
BECAUSE WITH ATTITUDES LIKE YOURS, NO ONE'S HIRING YOU TO DO ANY BABY-SITTING.

MARY ANNE, YOU--!
ringggg
!
AAAAND THAT'S THE BELL!
HOW ABOUT WE ALL GET TO CLASS, HUH?
MARY ANNE SPIER!

THE WAY YOU STOOD UP FOR US WAS GREAT!
SO, COKIE GRACE
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT BEING UNCOOL?
LET'S GO BEFORE WE'RE LATE!

CHAPTER 2
THE REST OF THE SCHOOL DAY WAS PRETTY UNEVENTFUL
Z
LATER I BABY SAT FOR JAMIE, AND THEN HEADED OVER TO CLAUDIA'S HOUSE FOR OUR CLUB MEETING.
JUST A FEW MINUTES TO SPARE
SPIER
I COULDN'T RESIST A QUICK PEEK

I LOVE CHECKING THE MAIL. YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU'LL GET
SPIER
IT'S STUFFED!
LET'S SEE BILLS ADS.
OH! A LETTER ADDRESSED TO ME
Mary Anne Spier
177 Burnt Hill Rd
Stoneybrook, CT 06800


ACK, S THAT THE T ME?
I'M GOING TO BE LATE!
SPIER
SPIER
SPIER
H MM!
HE..O. MY MARY ANNE HOW ARE YOU TODAY?
REA.. GOOD
I WAS ECSTATIC ABOUT MY .ETTER

HEY, EVERYONE!
LOOK WE WERE CHECK NG OUT OUR SEVENTH GRADE YEARBOOK
SEEMS LIKE WE HAVE SOME TIME BEFORE THE MEETING
I M HERE
GREAT
LE T'S BEGIN
OH, I GUESS IT CAN WA,T

6:30 TOMORROW?
LET'S SEE... DAWN S AVAILABLE!
NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS
GOSH, WHEN CAN I OPEN THIS LETTER ALREADY?
ALL RIGHT THAT'S ALL I HAD ON MY LIST
FWIP!

WHAT'S THAT?
ripp!
I GOT A MYSTERIOUS LETTER THAT I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO OPEN.
THERE'S NO RETURN ADDRESS...I WONDER WHO IT'S FROM!
Do you believe in luck? You can receive
incredibly good luck within four days
of opening this letter. All you have to
do is send this letter to twenty (20)
other people
Even if you are not superstitious,
continuing the chain will definitely bring
good fortune upon you. One person who
sent the twenty letters Joy Su even
HOWEVER
copies you
luck. Bad luck
you your frien
Please don't ignor
can spread good

OH, DARN.
DARN, DARN, BORING DARN!
WHAT IS IT?
IT'S JUST A SILLY OLD CHAIN LETTER THAT'S WHAT
I HATE CHAIN LETTERS
YOU HAVE TO SEND THEM TO EVERYONE YOU KNOW, AND THEN THEY HAVE TO SEND THEM TO EVERYONE THEY KNOW IT NEVER ENDS!
I'VE HEARD OF SOME NEAT CHAIN LETTERS WHERE YOU CAN RECEIVE A MILLION POSTCARDS IN RETURN.
COULD IT BE SOMETHING SIMILAR?
hmm...

THIS LETTER S REALLY WEIRD
NEVER if you do NOT send out twenty
you will break the chain of good
luck will then be visited upon
friends and loved ones.
more– with your help,
luck all across the wo
IT SAYS IF YOU CONTINUE THE CHA N, YOU JUST GE T GOOD LJCK
BUT IF YOU BREAK IT, BAD LUCK W LL BE V SITED UPON YOU..
AND YOUR FR ENDS AND LOVED ONES.
YIKES.
PFFT

IS IT SIGNED?
NO, AND EVERYTHING IS TYPED.
THAT STUFF'S JUST NONSENSE WHO WOULD REALLY BELIEVE IN IT?
HOW MANY ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO SEND, ANYWAY, MARY ANNE?
TWENTY
WELL, DON'T BOTHER SENDING ONE TO ME I'LL JUST BREAK THE CHAIN.
DON'T WORRY
I'M NOT GOING TO SEND ANY I DON'T THINK I EVEN HAVE THE ADDRESSES OF TWENTY PEOPLE!
WHAT?!

SO YOU'RE GOING TO BREAK THE CHAIN? THANKS A LOT!
YEAH! IF YOU BREAK IT, BAD LUCK WILL BE VISITED UPON US. TOO
OH, IT WILL NOT
AT LEAST I DON'T THINK SO
WHAT DO YOU THINK DAWN? SHOULD I SEND YOU A LETTER?
I WANT YOU TO SEND THE LETTER..
BUT NOT TO ME.
HA HA! SEE? YOU DON'T WANT TO DEAL WITH IT
AND NEITHER DO I. IF I HAVE TO SEND OUT TWENTY LETTERS, I'LL JUST END UP WITH TWENTY ENEMIES

JM. I WOULDN'T MIND GE TT.NG THE LETTER
ME NE THER
OH, COME ON YOU TWO
T'S JUST SUPERST TION. FORGE T T!
KRISTY'S R GHT
crumple
crumple
THIS IS JUST SUPERST TION.
I THINK

Mary Anne Spier
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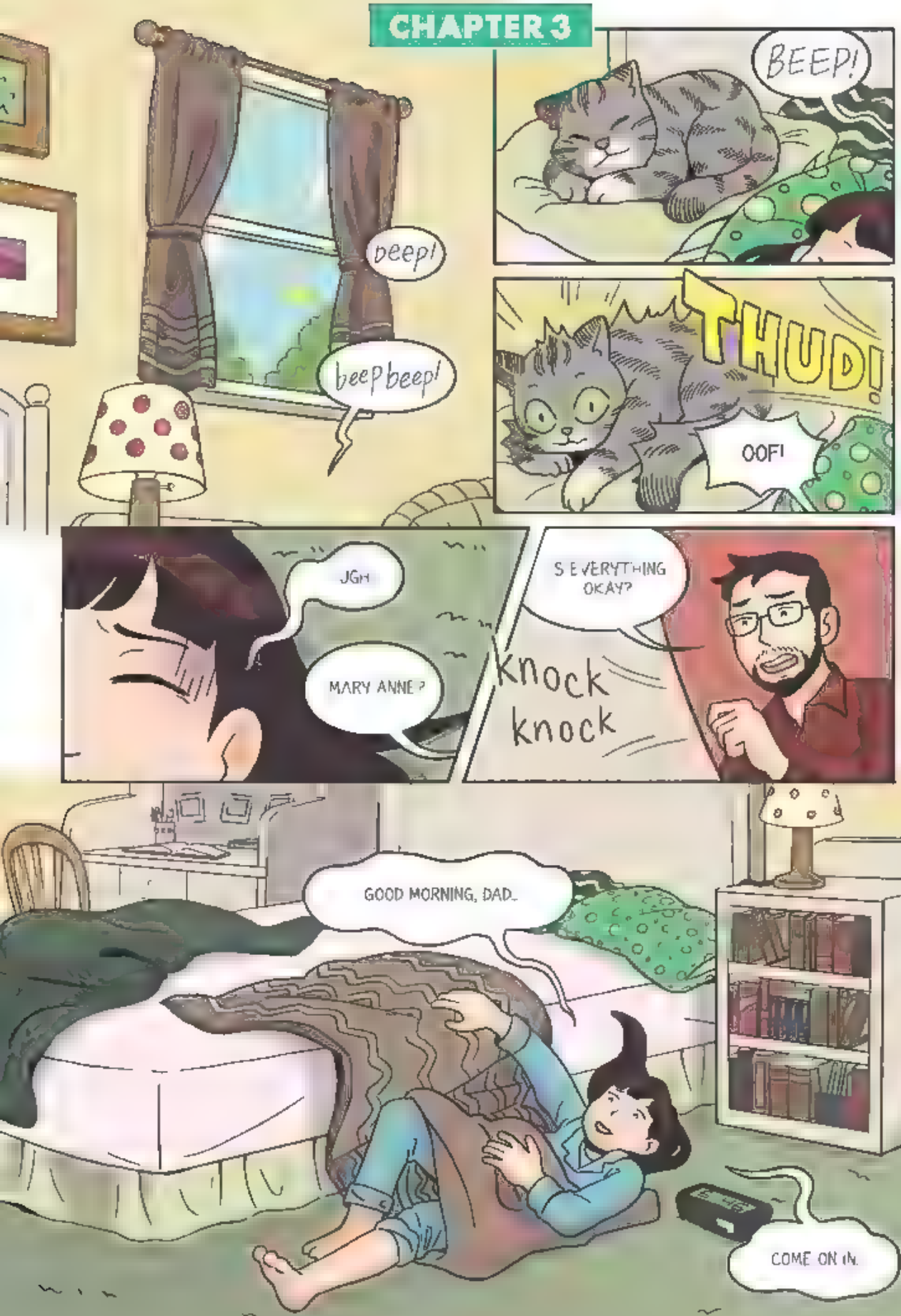

CHAPTER 3
BEEP!
beep!
beep beep!
THUD!
OOF!
UGH
MARY ANNE?
knock knock
S EVERYTHING OKAY?
GOOD MORNING, DAD.
COME ON IN.

WHAT HAPPENED?
I HAD THIS DREAM WHERE I WAS CLIMBING A MOUNTAIN.
beep!
beep!
beep!
BUT THEN AN ALARM RANG
AND THEN...
beep!
beep!
YOU FELL OFF THE MOUNTAIN?
YEAH! HOW DID YOU KNOW?
I'VE HAD SOME STRANGE DREAMS MYSELF

ALL GOOD NOW?
YEAH. JUST EMBARRASSED
WHY DON'T YOU GET READY, AND I'LL MAKE PANCAKES?
OH, SUPER
MROOOWRR
Aw, T'GGER YOU FRAIDY-CAT
THUMP!
COME ON OUT, THERE'S NOTH NG TO BE SCARED OF
MR ROWR!
SORRY, SORRY

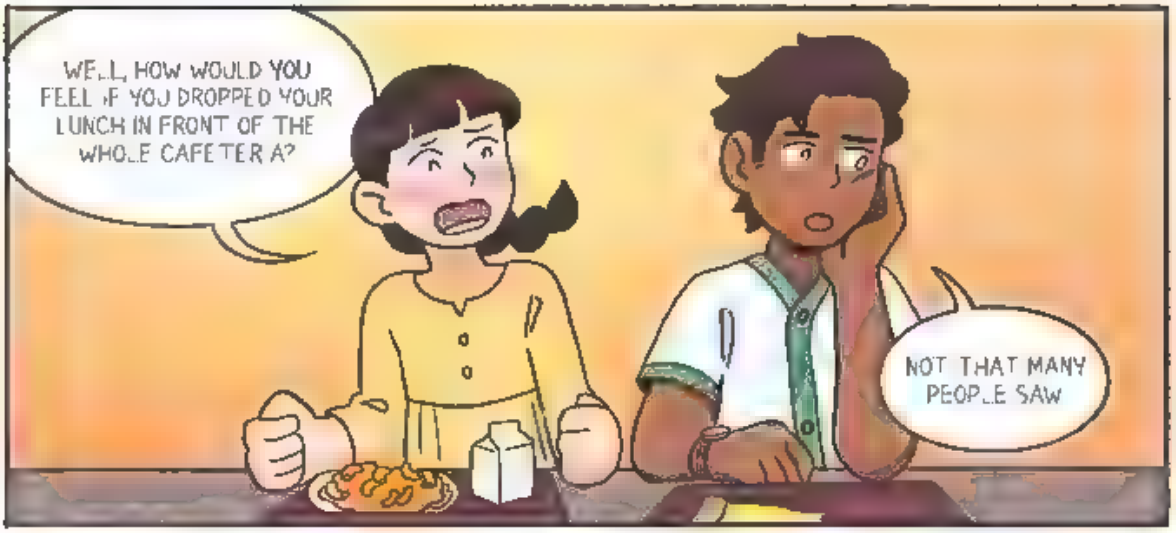
BREAKFAST SMELLS AMAZING
I HOPE YOU ENJOY IT
MMM, PANCAKES AND BACON!
THANKS DAD
!

OH NO!!
DAD, I'M SORRY. REALLY, I AM!
I KNOW YOU SAID A WHITE DRESS ISN'T PRACTICAL FOR SCHOOL
BUT I'VE WORN IT FIVE OTHER TIMES AND IT WAS OKAY THEN --
MARY ANNE
IT'S ALRIGHT HERE
I'LL CLEAN UP YOU GO CHANGE AND SOAK YOUR DRESS IN COLD WATER
I'LL KEEP YOUR BREAKFAST WARM

AFTER ALL THAT, I MET CLAUDIA OUTSIDE
ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL, I TOLD HER ABOUT THE MORNING I WAS HAVING
I MADE A BIG DEAL ABOUT MY BAD DAY ON PURPOSE
MY HOPE WAS THAT IF I COMPLAINED TO CLAUDIA, NOT A SINGLE OTHER THING WOULD GO WRONG
IT DIDN'T WORK
??
I HAD TO GO FIND MR. HALPRIN, THE JANITOR AND ASK HIM TO OPEN MY LOCKER FOR ME

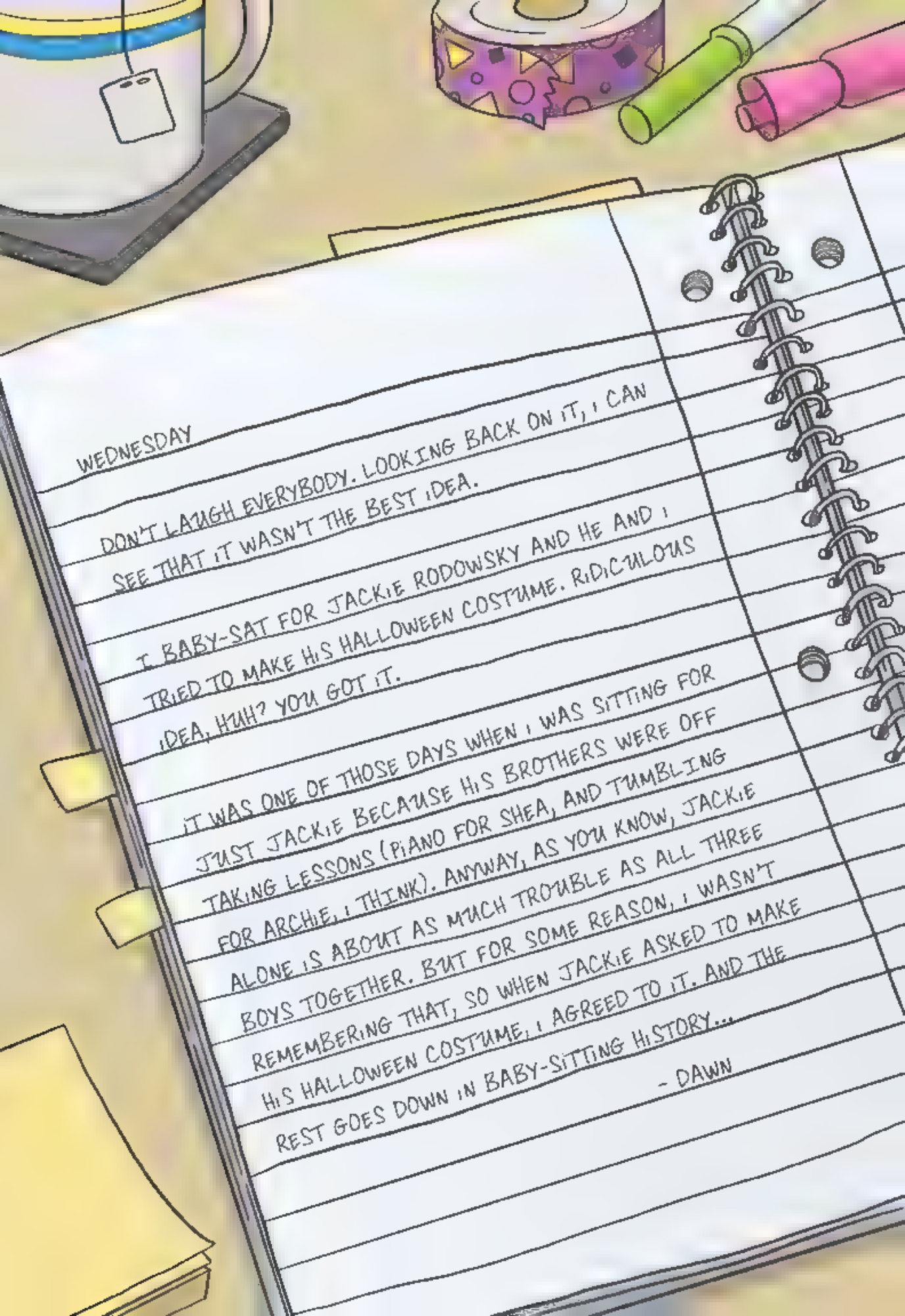
IN MATH CLASS I REALIZED I'D LEFT MY HOMEWORK RIGHT WHERE I'D DONE IT
AT HOME
THEN AT LUNCH
!
slosh
THANKS AGAIN, MR. HALPRIN.

BUT SPILLING MAC AND CHEESE WASN'T THE WORST PART OF THE DAY
SO, IS MR. ALPRIN A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF YOURS?
HA.
HA.
HEY LIGHTEN UP
EASY FOR YOU TO SAY
MARY AAANNE.
WHAAAT!
GEEZ
TOUCHY, TOUCHY


WELL, HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF YOU DROPPED YOUR LUNCH IN FRONT OF THE WHOLE CAFETERIA?
NOT THAT MANY PEOPLE SAW

OH, NO.
ONLY ABOUT THREE HUNDRED!
IHOP
THAT AFTERNOON, I WALKED HOME FROM SCHOOL BY MYSELF

I CURLED UP W TH MY FAVOR TE BOOK, LITTLE WOMEN, WHICH MADE ME FEEL BETTER
ring!
HELLO?
H, MARY ANNE? THIS S MRS. NEWTON. JM...IS EVERYTHING OKAY?
SURE WHY?
IT'S JUST THAT YOU'RE NEVER LATE
I'M SO SORRY!
I'LL COME R GHT OVER
I COULDN'T BELIEVE I'D FORGOTTEN ABOUT A BABY-SITTING JOB!
T WAS A GOOD THING I DIDN'T BELIEVE N SUPERSTITION, OR I M GHT HAVE BLAMED SUCH A BAD DAY ON THE CHAIN LETTER


WEDNESDAY

DON'T LAUGH EVERYBODY. LOOKING BACK ON IT, I CAN SEE THAT IT WASN'T THE BEST IDEA.

I BABY-SAT FOR JACKIE RODOWSKY AND HE AND I TRIED TO MAKE HIS HALLOWEEN COSTUME. RIDICULOUS IDEA, HUH? YOU GOT IT.

IT WAS ONE OF THOSE DAYS WHEN I WAS SITTING FOR JUST JACKIE BECAUSE HIS BROTHERS WERE OFF TAKING LESSONS (PIANO FOR SHEA, AND TUMBLING FOR ARCHIE, I THINK). ANYWAY, AS YOU KNOW, JACKIE ALONE IS ABOUT AS MUCH TROUBLE AS ALL THREE BOYS TOGETHER. BUT FOR SOME REASON, I WASN'T REMEMBERING THAT, SO WHEN JACKIE ASKED TO MAKE HIS HALLOWEEN COSTUME, I AGREED TO IT. AND THE REST GOES DOWN IN BABY-SITTING HISTORY...

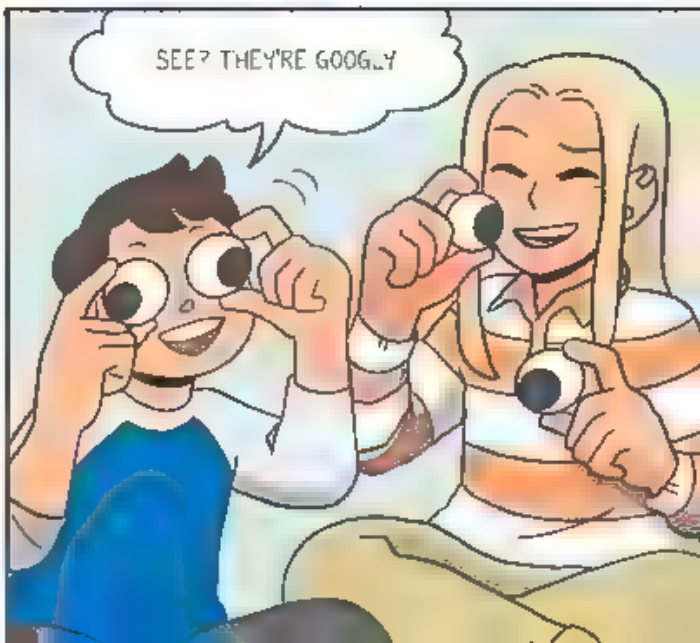
- DAWN

DAWN?
I WANT TO BE A ROBOT FOR HALLOWEEN!
?
CAN WE MAKE MY COSTUME THIS AFTERNOON?
WELL, I DON'T SEE WHY NOT
YES!
C'MON, WE'LL MAKE IT IN THE GARAGE!
WHAT ARE WE MAKING THE COSTUME OUT OF?
BOXES AND JAR LIDS AND SPRINGS AND BUTTONS AND GOOGLY EYES.
THEN WE'LL PAINT IT

WE CAN USE ANY OF THESE EMPTY BOXES
ARE YOU SURE?
YEAH! LET'S USE THIS BIG ONE
JACKIE WAIT!
THUD! THUD! CRASH!
BOY I'M GLAD THESE ARE EMPTY
THAT WAS FUN!

OKAY, WHAT DO WE NEED NEXT?
PAINT AND STUFF
OKAY, I BETTER GET THAT
SCRAPS

JACKIE'S FINDS:
wooden spools
old slinky toy
coil of wire
jar lids
AND...


SEE? THEY'RE GOOGLY

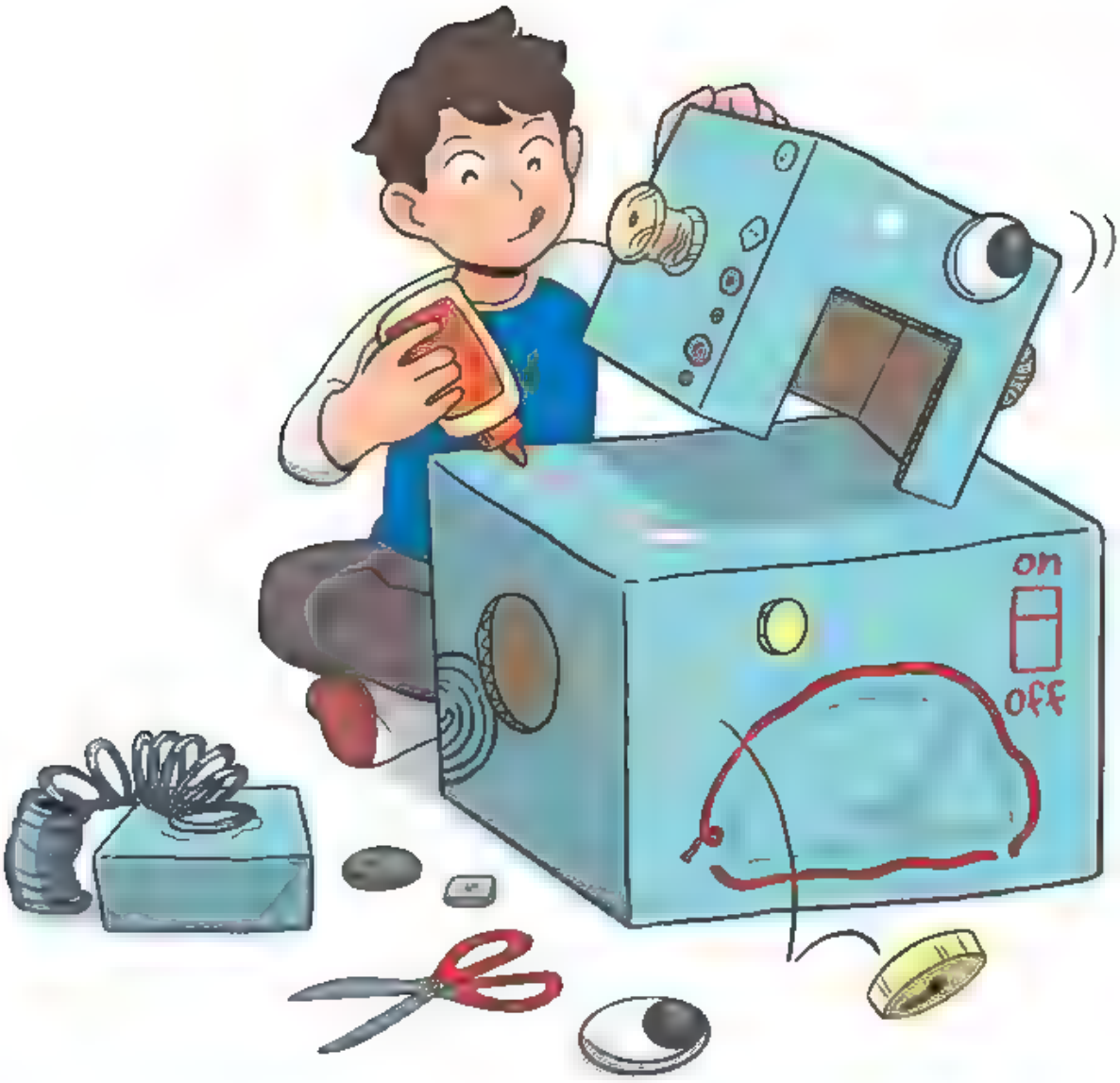
LAST THING
5 BUTTONS.
THEY'RE UPSTAIRS IN MOM'S SEWING CHEST!
OKAY
SCRAPS
AT LEAST HE CAN'T GET INTO MUCH TROUBLE WITH BUTTONS.
SCRAPS
KER-RASH!
JACKIE?
OOPS

N CASE OF ANY STRAY NEEDLES.
NOW WE CAN F NALLY GET STARTED ON THIS ROBOT!
I M GOING TO MAKE THE BODY WITH THE BOXES
OW!

A... R GHT
TRY TO BE EXTRA CARE FU.. FROM HERE ON OUT OKAY?
PROMISE
WHOOPS
WHOOPS
IT'S DONE!

I KNOW! I'LL PUT IT ON FOR MY MOM AND BROTHERS TO SEE!
GOOD IDEA!
TA DA!
on
off
OH
on
off
HUH?
off
OH NO!
OOPS
I GUESS THE GLUE WASN'T DRY. POOR OLD ROBOT

WHAT BAD LUCK
COULD TH S BE BECAUSE MARY ANNE BROKE THE CHAIN?
AND SINCE I M ONE OF HER FRIENDS.
BAD LUCK S V SITING ME?
HA NO WAY
JACK E ALWAYS HAS BAD LUCK!


on
off

ANOTHER FRIDAY
ANOTHER CLUB
MEETING
I CHECKED OUR MAIL
BEFORE GOING TO
CLAUDIA'S A SMALL
PACKAGE WAS INSIDE
IT'S PROBABLY
FOR DAD
BUT IT COULD
BE FOR ME
MAYBE A FREE
SAMPLE, LIKE
HAND LOTION?

BA
!
NG!
?
WHAT'S UP, MARY ANNE?
LOOK AT
MARY ANNE & THE BABY-SITTERS CLUB
THIS!!

IT LOOKS LIKE A RANSOM NOTE! CREEPY
AND IT'S ADDRESSED NOT ONLY TO YOU, BUT THE ENTIRE CLUB.
ALL RIGHT, WE'LL JUST TAKE PHONE CALLS TODAY.
WE CAN HANDLE OFFICIAL BUSINESS ON MONDAY.
THIS PACKAGE IS MOST IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW.
YEAH.
SO WHO'S GOING TO OPEN IT?
YOU, OF COURSE!

IT'S ADDRESSED MOSTLY TO YOU
YOU'RE SCARED
YOU'RE RIGHT
FINE
IT'S JUST A HARMLESS JEWELRY BOX
!
WE'VE BEEN AFRAID OF SOME JEWELRY
HANG ON, ANYTHING COULD BE INSIDE!
AND THERE ARE A LOT OF ANYTHINGS THAT I WOULDN'T WANT TO BE ANYWHERE NEAR
THAT'S TRUE

TISSUE PAPER
CLAUD A, DO YOU HAVE SOME TWEEZERS I CAN BORROW?
OH, FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE
TOSS!
EW!!
!!
AUGH!
!
WH WHAT'S INSIDE?

IT LOOKS LIKE A NECKLACE
IT'S PRETTY LIKE IT
THERE'S SOMETHING INSIDE THE GLASS.
OH WAIT THERE'S A NOTE TOO
. . .
UM. YOU ALL MIGHT WANT TO TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.

HALLOWEEN IS COMING. BEWARE OF EVIL FACES. WEAR THIS bad Luck charm OR ELSE.

AUGHH!!
BAD LUCK CHARM?
I KNEW IT
I JUST KNEW IT
OH MY GOSH,
I ALREADY TOUCHED IT
TOUCHED IT?
YOU'VE GOT TO WEAR IT
WHAT?!
NO WAY.
I THINK YOU'D BETTER
ARE YOU GOING TO IGNORE THIS WARNING.
LIKE YOU IGNORED THE CHAIN LETTER?

UM. WELL...
WHAT DOES EVERYONE ELSE THINK?
M-MAYBE YOU OUGHT TO WEAR T
YEAH.
I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T BELIEVE IN SUPERSTITIOUS STUFF!
WHAT'S UP WITH YOU GUYS?

WELL, I HAD SOME PRETTY BAD LUCK SITTING FOR JACKIE YESTERDAY
AND I FLUNKED A SPELLING TEST
BUT JACKIE'S ALWAYS BAD LUCK
AND, CLAUDIA, YOU ALWAYS FLUNK SPELLING TESTS
THIS TIME WAS WORSE THAN USUAL
I HAVEN'T FLUNKED LATELY
I FELL IN BALLET CLASS
THAT NEVER HAPPENS!
I GOT IN TROUBLE FOR TALKING IN MATH
!
I LOST MY WATCH
?
STACEY CALLED RECENTLY AND SHE SAID SHE BROKE HER DAD'S PAPERWEIGHT THAT ONE HE LOVES

WE...
TO TELL THE TRUTH, I HAD THE WORST DAY AFTER I THREW AWAY THE CHANLETTER.
THIS THING REALLY SCARES ME. IT'S BAD LUCK.
BUT WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T WEAR IT? THINGS MIGHT GET WORSE.
EVIL
BUT WHO SENT THE CHARM? AND WHY DO I HAVE TO WEAR IT?

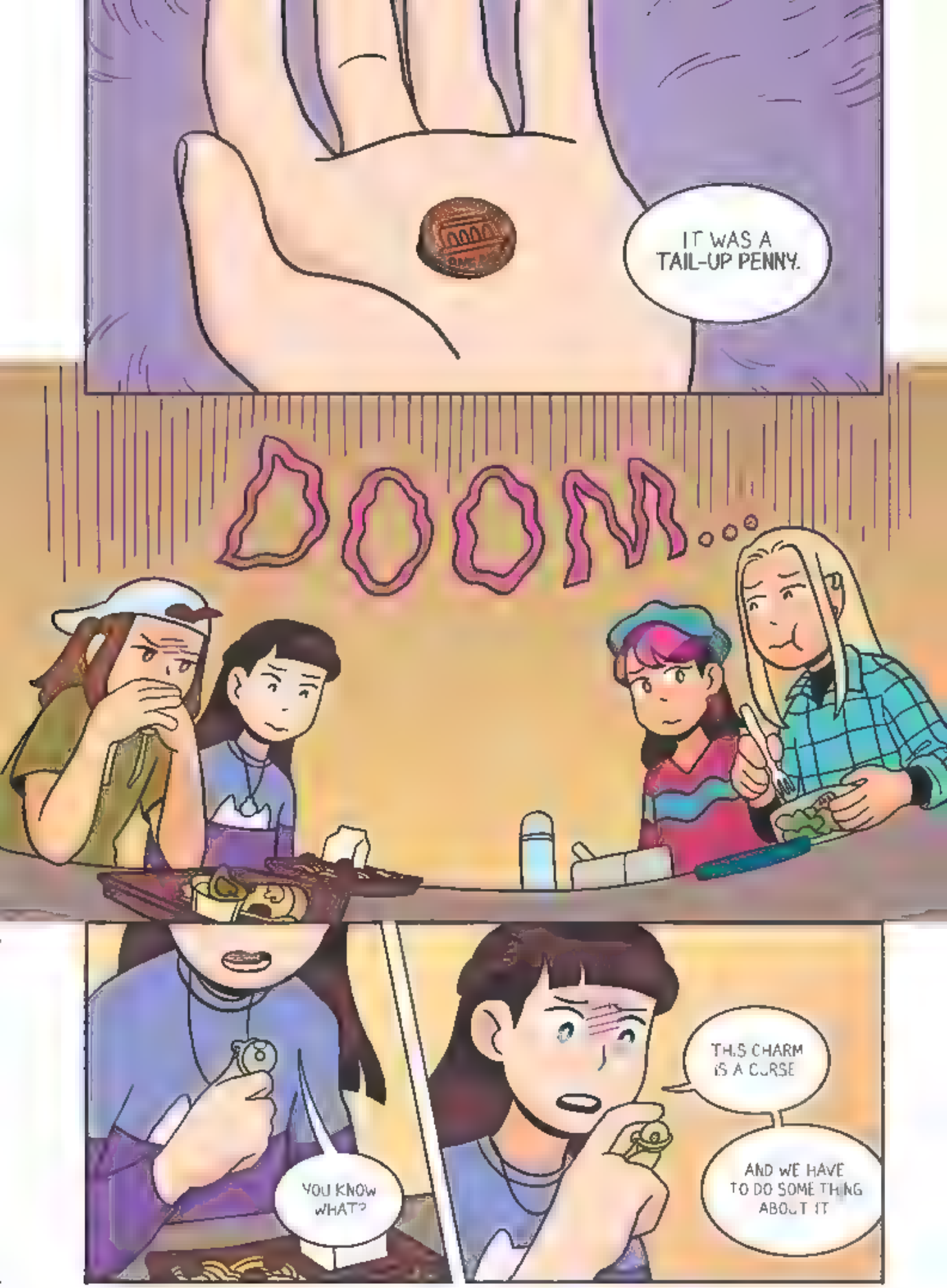
MAYBE BECAUSE YOU WERE THE ONE WHO THREW THE CHAIN LETTER AWAY
THIS IS YOUR BAD LUCK, AND ALL THE OTHER STUFF IS BAD LUCK BEING VISITED UPON YOUR FRIENDS.
WHAT ABOUT THAT PART THAT WARNED, "BEWARE OF EVIL FORCES"?
I THINK WE'LL HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO WARD OFF THOSE EVIL FORCES.
WE ALL KNEW IT WOULDN'T BE EASY
BUT WE WOULD HAVE TO DO IT
Beware
THE QUESTION WAS, HOW?

CHAPTER 6
THE DAY AFTER I STARTED WEARING THE CHARM I BABY SAT FOR JAMIE NEWTON
HE SPILLED EVERYTHING, DROPPED EVERYTHING.
AND EVEN HAD A LITTLE FALL DOWN THE STAIRS.
NOTHING SEEMED TO GO RIGHT
AT SCHOOL ON MONDAY, THERE WAS A FIRE IN A TRASH CAN.
AN EXPLOSION IN SCIENCE LAB!
AND AN ACCIDENT IN GYM CLASS.

# GLOOM...

AT LUNCH, WE WERE TOO NERVOUS TO JOKE AROUND LIKE USUAL
LOGAN WAS TAKING A MAKEUP TEST AND WASN'T THERE TO PROVIDE ANY COMFORTING WORDS
MAYBE THIS IS ALL JUST A COINCIDENCE
ONE LITTLE ACCIDENT MIGHT BE A COINCIDENCE
ONE LITTLE SPILL AT JAMIE'S
BUT NOT MULTIPLE SPILLS AND BROKEN THINGS AND JAMIE'S HURT KNEE
MAYBE EVEN ONE LITTLE FIRE THAT MR. HALPRIN COULD HAVE PUT OUT WITH A BUCKET OF WATER
BUT NOT A FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE.
AND AN EXPLOSION.
PLUS A GYM INJURY
RIGHT. AND YOU KNOW WHAT?
THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER SIGNS OF BAD LUCK TODAY

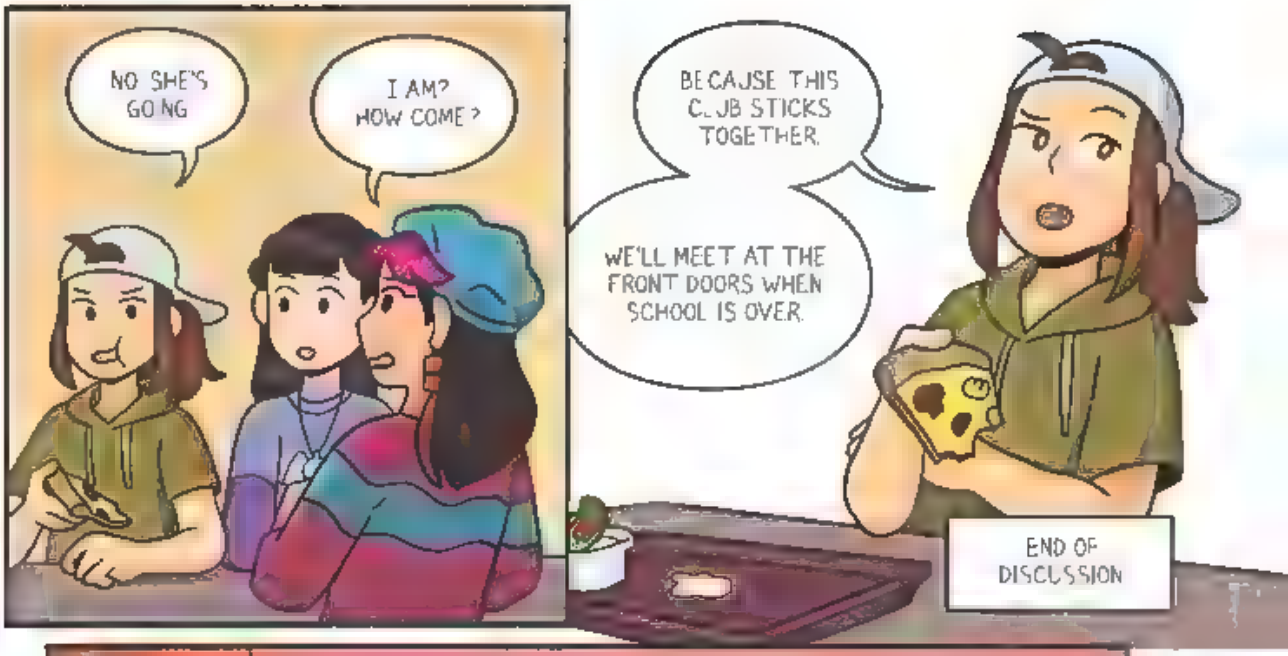
REALLY?
LIKE WHAT?
TH S MORNING
MY FATHER OPENED AN JMBRELLA NDOORS.
BUT WAIT THERE'S MORE
ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL, A BLACK CAT CROSSED OUR PATH
!
THAT'S R GH T
AND JUST BEFORE I GOT TO THE CAFETERIA
I SAW A PENNY ON THE FLOOR
I PICKED T UP WITHOUT THINKING.
T WAS ALREADY IN MY HAND BEFORE I REALIZED..

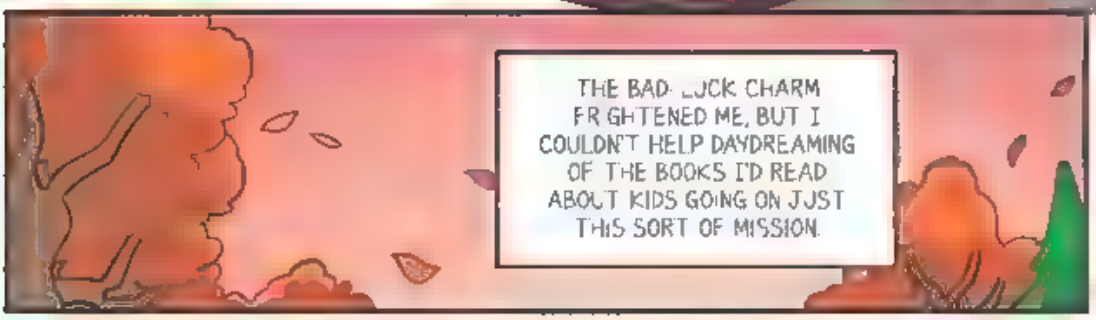

IT WAS A TAIL-UP PENNY.
DOOM...
YOU KNOW WHAT?
THIS CHARM IS A CURSE
AND WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT

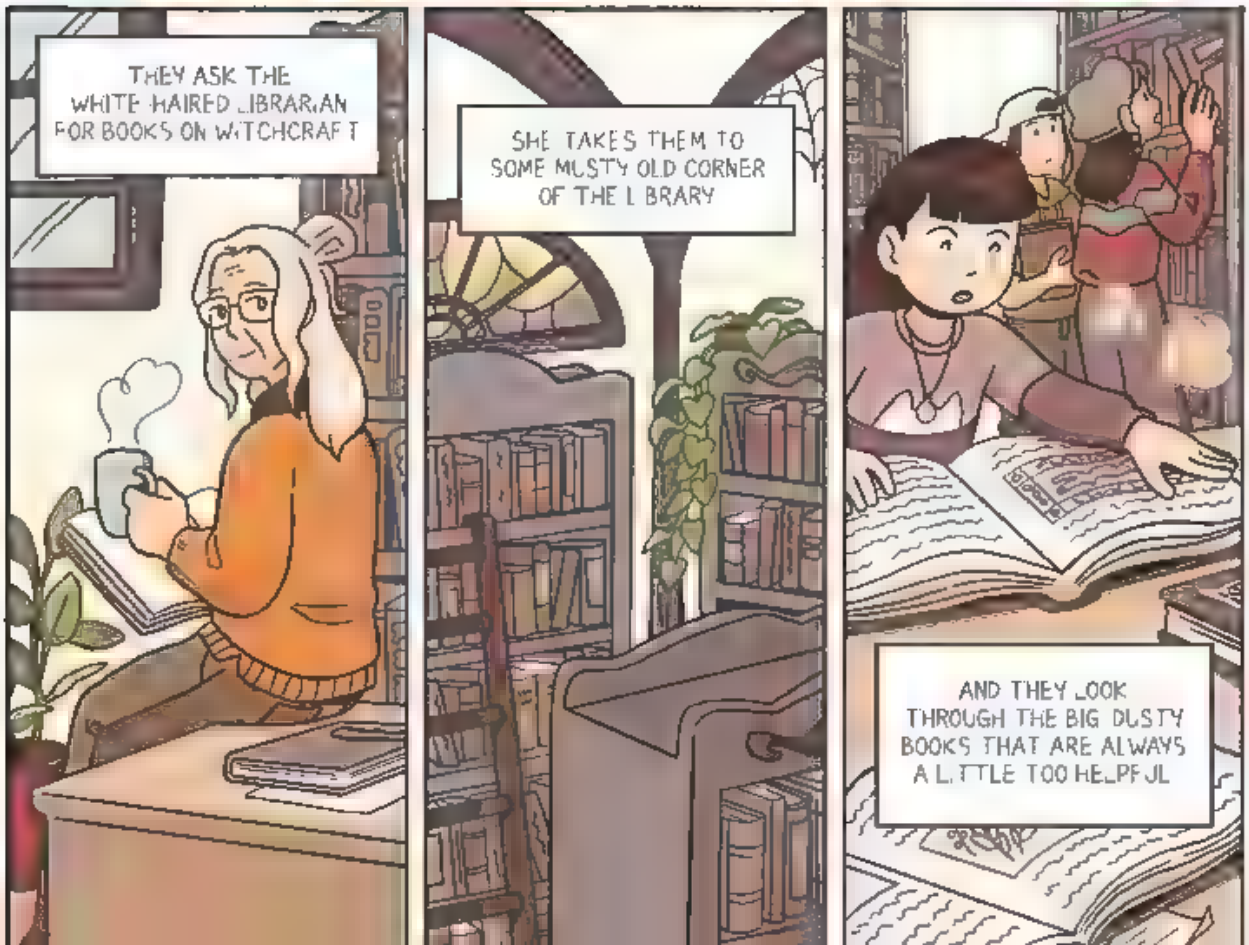
THAT'S WHAT MALLORY SAID ON FRIDAY WE HAVE TO GET RID OF THE EVIL FORCES
HOW?
...
STARE~~
!
SHHH. I THINK PEOPLE ARE LISTENING.
NO WONDER
THIS IS PROBABLY THE MOST FASCINATING CONVERSATION THEY'VE HEARD IN WEEKS

Hahahaha!
ALL RIGHT LET'S TRY TO KEEP OUR VOICES DOWN.

SO...IT SEEMS LIKE THE CHARM COULD REALLY BE BAD LUCK.
HOW CAN WE FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CHARMS, CURSES, AND EVIL FORCES?
WE BETTER GO TO THE LIBRARY
UGH I HATE THE LIBRARY!
JESSI AND MAL SHOULD COME, TOO
CLAUDIA YOU CAN DECIDE WHAT YOU WANT TO DO.


NO SHE'S GOING
I AM? HOW COME?
BECAUSE THIS CLUB STICKS TOGETHER.
WE'LL MEET AT THE FRONT DOORS WHEN SCHOOL IS OVER.
END OF DISCUSSION

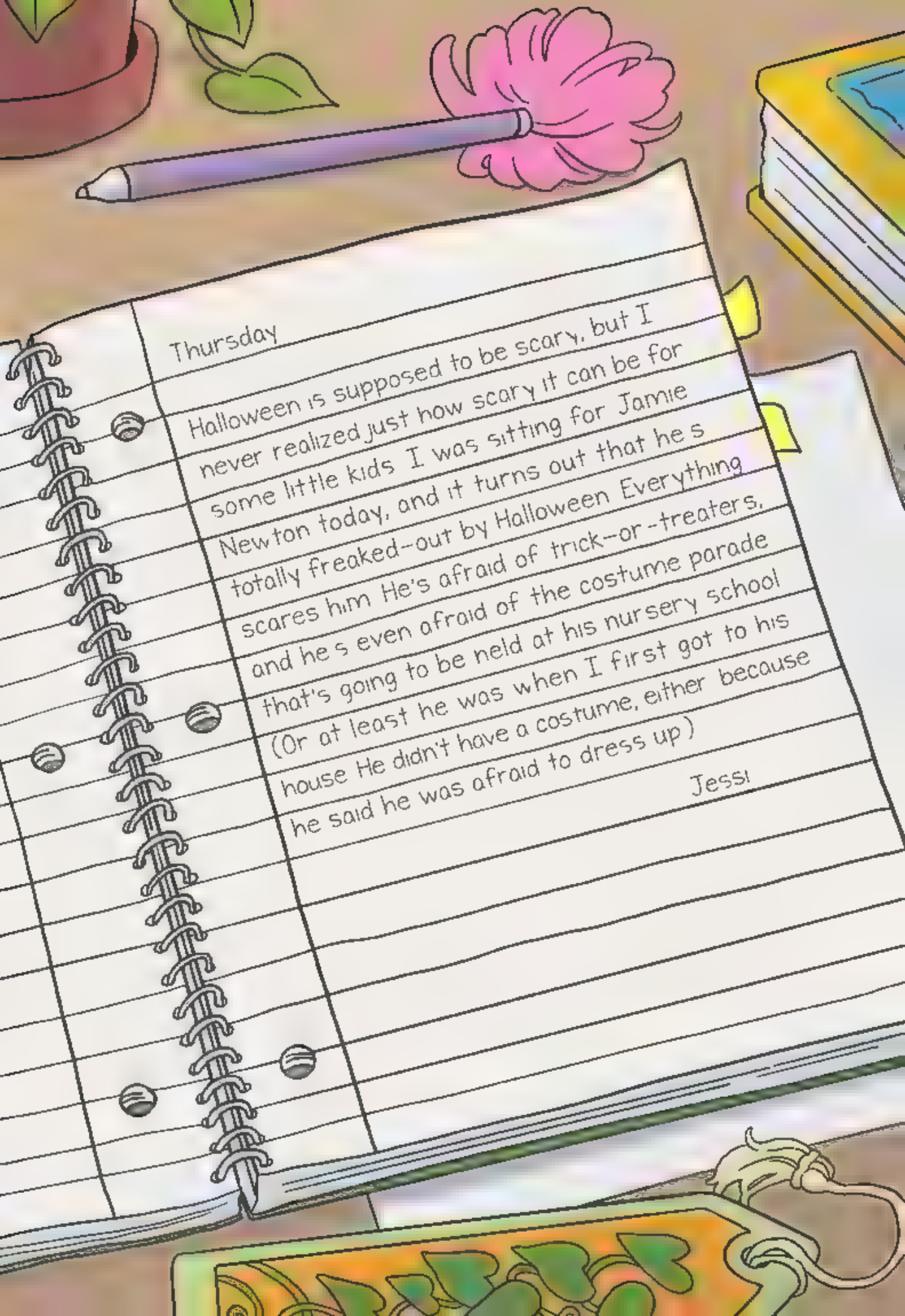

THE BAD LUCK CHARM FRIGHTENED ME, BUT I COULDN'T HELP DAYDREAMING OF THE BOOKS I'D READ ABOUT KIDS GOING ON JUST THIS SORT OF MISSION.


THEY ASK THE WHITE HAIRED LIBRARIAN FOR BOOKS ON WITCHCRAFT
SHE TAKES THEM TO SOME MUSTY OLD CORNER OF THE LIBRARY
AND THEY LOOK THROUGH THE BIG DUSTY BOOKS THAT ARE ALWAYS A LITTLE TOO HELPFUL

WELL. OUR VISIT TO THE STONEYBROOK PUBLIC LIBRARY WASN'T ANYTHING LIKE THAT
SO WHAT DO WE DO FIRST?
ASK THE LIBRARIAN FOR HELP?
NO, WE DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT
WE CAN JUST GO TO THE CARD CATALOG.
WE'LL FIND BETTER INFORMATION IN THE ADULT SECTION.
BUT WE HAVE TO ACT MATURE SO THE LIBRARIAN DOESN'T GET SUSPICIOUS.

I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY STILL HAVE ONE OF THESE
NON FICTION
FLOWERS..
FOOTBALL
WOW, THERE ARE SO MANY SUBJECTS!
WITCHCRAFT HERE IT IS.
THIS MUST BE THE RIGHT PLACE THIS BOOK IS CALLED ON WITCHCRAFT

SO WHY DO WE NEED ALL THIS W TCH AND SPEL STUFF?
WITCHES THROUGH THE GES
HOW ELSE WILL WE WARD OFF THE EVIL FORCES?
IT MUST BE SOME SORT OF SPELL WE JUST HAVE TO FIGURE OUT WHICH ONE
OKA A SPE
NONE OF US REALLY KNEW WHAT TO LOOK FOR
BUT AT FIVE O'CLOCK WE EACH CHOSE A BOOK TO CHECK OUT AND DASHED TO CLAUDIA'S FOR A CLUB MEETING


Thursday
Halloween is supposed to be scary, but I never realized just how scary it can be for some little kids. I was sitting for Jamie Newton today, and it turns out that he's totally freaked-out by Halloween. Everything scares him. He's afraid of trick-or-treaters, and he's even afraid of the costume parade that's going to be held at his nursery school (Or at least he was when I first got to his house. He didn't have a costume, either, because he said he was afraid to dress up.)
Jess!

WELL, JAMIE, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TODAY?
I WANT TO..
I WANT TO.
JM, I DON'T KNOW
YOU WANT TO PLAY OUTSIDE?
NO!
SHUT!
TRICK-OR-TREATERS MIGHT COME BY

OH, NOT TODAY THERE WON'T BE ANY TRICK-OR-TREATERS UNTIL HALLOWEEN.
I HOPE IT'S NEVER HALLOWEEN.
WHAT ARE YOU SO AFRAID OF?
HALLOWEEN
BUT HALLOWEEN IS FUN!
EVERYONE GETS CANDY, AND YOU DRESS UP
YOU CAN BE A GHOST, OR A WITCH
NO!
NO GHOSTS! NO WITCHES
BUT THEY'RE JUST PEOPLE DRESSED UP, JAMIE. THEY'RE NOT REAL.
GHOSTS AND WITCHES SCARE ME
ESPECIALLY GHOSTS

YOU KNOW, NOT ALL GHOSTS ARE MEAN
HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF OLLIE?
OLLIE?
YEAH. HE WAS A GHOST A LITTLE ONE AND HE WAS VERY SHY. HE DIDN'T LIKE LOUD NOISES OR TOO MUCH CONFUSION.
HE LIVED IN THE ATTIC OF MR. AND MRS. LEI'S HOUSE
ALL HE WANTED WAS PEACE AND QUIET AND TO BE WITH HIS FRIENDS, PLUTO AND MISS AMELIA.
WHO ARE THE LEIS? AND WHO ARE PLUTO AND MISS AMELIA?
IF YOU'RE CURIOUS.. WE CAN GO TO MY HOUSE AND LOOK AT SOME BOOKS ABOUT OLLIE
WELL
OKAY
ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO

FIRST THINGS FIRST LET'S GET THAT JACKET ON.
JESSI CAN YOU TIE MY SHOELACES TOO?
OH, UM, YES!
THE BUTTON, THE SHOELACE, JAMIE'S HUGE FEAR OF HALLOWEEN.
IT'S THE BAD LUCK

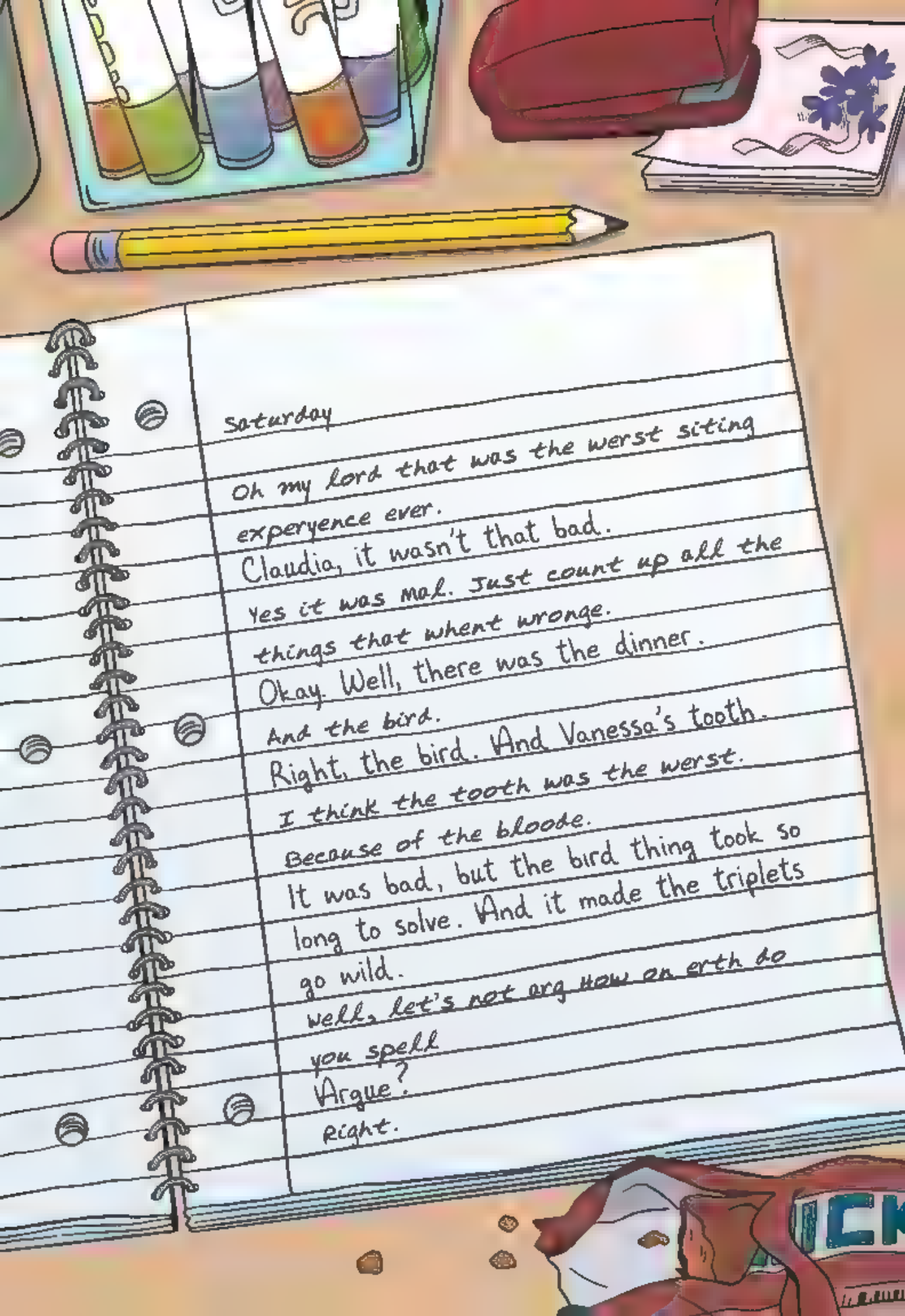
JESS?
!
inhaaale~
?
phewww
OKAY, JAMIE
CAN YOU SHOW ME WHERE THE SEWING BOX AND EXTRA SHOELACES ARE?
I'LL FIX YOU UP AND THEN WE'LL GO TO MY HOUSE TO READ SOME OLLIE BOOKS

HI, MAMA
JAMIE NEWTON AND I ARE STOPPING BY FOR A FEW MINUTES.
HI, JAMIE
HI.
I'LL EXPLAIN LATER

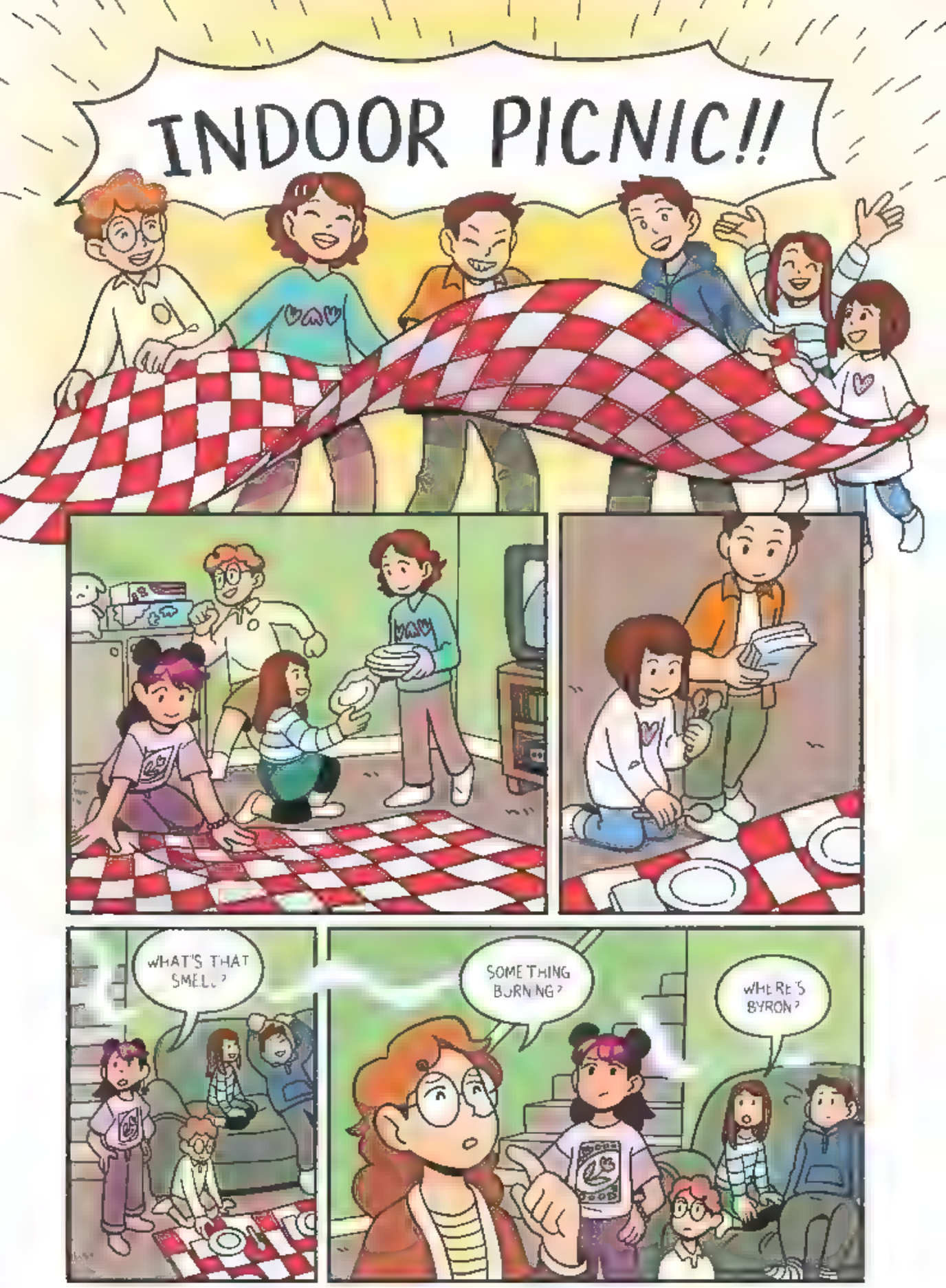
OKAY, HERE WE GO
OLLIE and the HALLOWEEN COSTUME
UH OH
NO, IT'S OKAY REALLY.
WE'LL LOOK AT THE PICTURES FIRST OKAY?
SEE THESE TWO PEOPLE?
ARE THEY MR AND MRS. LE?
THEY ARE! AND HERE ARE PLUTO AND MISS AMELIA
A MOUSE AND A BAT?! THEY'RE SO CUTE
AND..THIS IS OLLIE
"Hello!" Ollie said shyly.

THAT LITTLE THING? BUT HE DOESN'T LOOK MEAN AT ALL. HE'S SMILING
HE ISN'T MEAN. REMEMBER? LET'S KEEP GOING.
TOGETHER, THEY READ ABOUT A LITTLE GHOST WHO WAS SO SHY THAT HE WOULDN'T ENTER THE TOWN'S CONTEST FOR BEST HALLOWEEN COSTUME
HIS FRIENDS PUT ON A CONTEST OF THEIR OWN, AND THEY NAMED OLLIE THE WINNER
"Well, you're the winner of our costume contest!"
ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO PRIZE, OLLIE HAD A VERY HAPPY HALLOWEEN.
THE END.
. . .
I WONDER IF MOMMY COULD MAKE ME AN OLLIE COSTUME

YOU WANT TO BE A GHOST?
NO OLLIE
THEN, IF THERE ARE ANY CONTESTS, MAYBE I'LL WIN AND OLLIE COULD GET HIS PRIZE AFTER ALL.
NOW THAT
S A GREAT IDEA.
ARE THERE ANY MORE OLLIE BOOKS?
YUP!
WELL, LET'S READ THEM!


Saturday
Oh my lord that was the werst siting experyence ever.
Claudia, it wasn't that bad.
Yes it was mal. Just count up all the things that whent wronge.
Okay. Well, there was the dinner.
And the bird.
Right, the bird. And Vanessa's tooth.
I think the tooth was the werst.
Because of the bloode.
It was bad, but the bird thing took so long to solve. And it made the triplets go wild.
Well, let's not arg how on erth do you spell
Argue?
Right.

CHAPTER 8
JUST LET THE DADDY STEW HEAT UP UNTIL 6.30 AND YOU SHOULD BE GOOD TO GO
ALL RIGHT YOU KIDS. HAVE FUN
6:30! I CAN'T WAIT THAT LONG
BYRON, THAT'S LESS THAN HALF AN HOUR FROM NOW
noooo
I COULD FAINT BEFORE THEN
YOU WON'T
HELP US SET UP THE REC ROOM! TONIGHT WILL BE A LITTLE SPECIAL


INDOOR PICNIC!!
WHAT'S THAT SMELL?
SOMETHING BURNING?
WHERE'S BYRON?

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hiss!
OOPS
off!

EW! YUCK
PEE YEW!
THE DADDY STEW IS RUINED, MALLORY BYRON RUINED IT
YUCK!
I'M SORRY HONEST
I WAS HUNGRY I JUST THOUGHT THAT IF I TURNED THE FIRE UP
AUUGH!
NOW WHAT?
I DON'T KNOW
BUT THAT SOUNDS LIKE MORE THAN A STOP-TEASING-ME-OR-ELSE SCREAM
WAUGH!
WE'LL GO CHECK STAY AWAY FROM THE STOVE BYRON!

OH MY GOSH! WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?
WAHH!
IT FLEW DOWN THE CHIMNEY!
AUGHH! HELP!
chirp!!
HANG ON AND CALM DOWN, EVERYONE
THAT BIRD IS SCARED AND YOU'RE SCARING IT EVEN MORE
HOW ARE WE GOING TO CATCH IT?

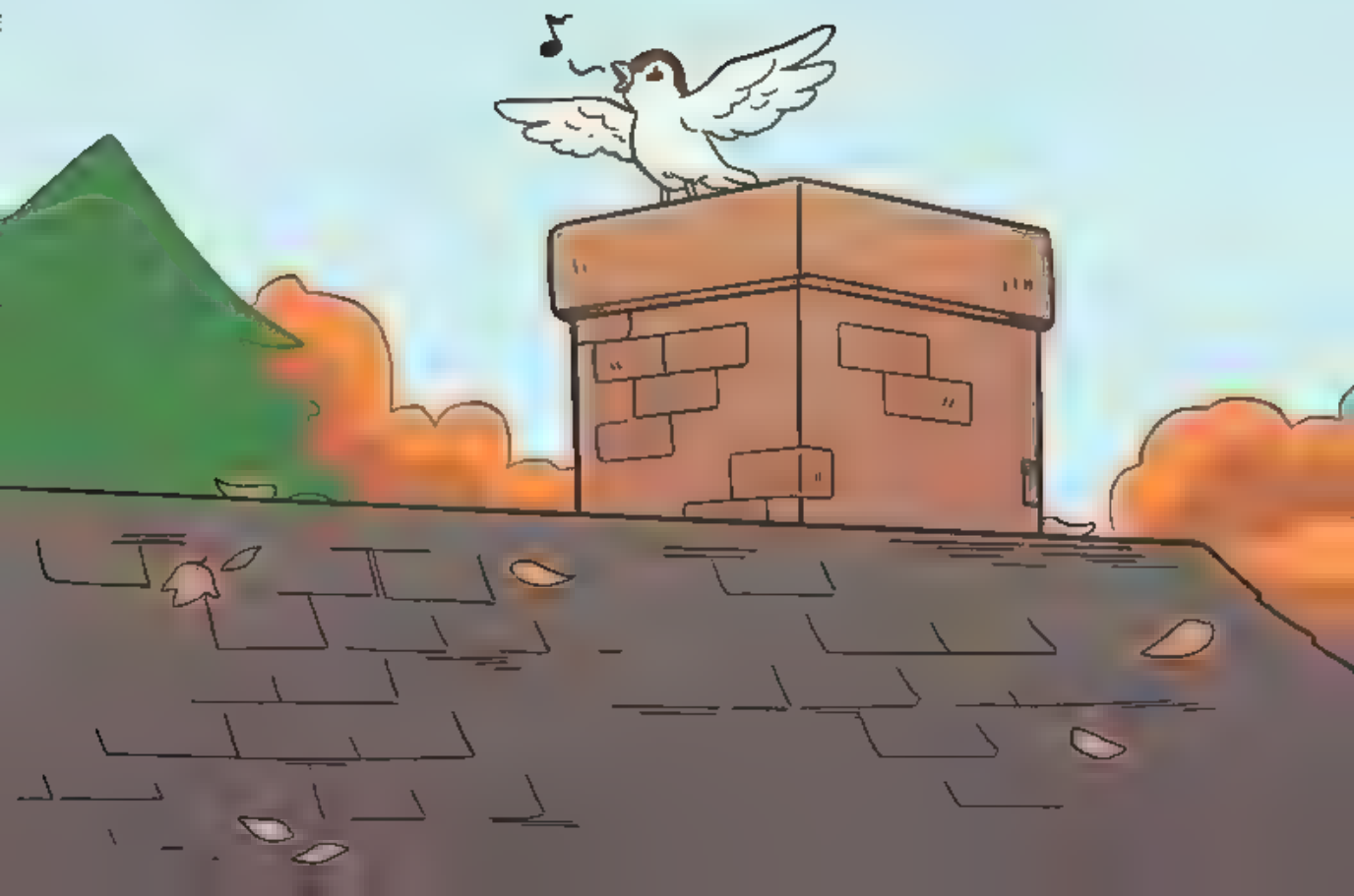
MAYBE IF WE OPEN THE WINDOWS AND DOORS, IT WILL JUST FLY OUTSIDE
I COULD GET MY BUTTERFLY NET AND SCOOP IT UP
IF IT LANDS WE COULD THROW A PILLOWCASE OVER IT
I WONDER IF THE BIRD KNOWS SANTA CLAUS.
HUH?
THE BIRD CAME DOWN THE CHIMNEY JUST LIKE SANTA SO
HEHEHEHE
AUGHH!

OKAY, NO MORE WASTING TIME
LET'S TRY OPENING THE WINDOWS AND DOORS
DONE!
GO AHEAD LITTLE BIRDIE

GET OUT OF HERE, BIRD!!
IT WORKED!
GOOD JOB! THANKS, MARGO
Shut!
WHEW ALL RIGHT, LET'S CLOSE EVERYTHING UP
CLAUDIA
OH MY GOSH!
VANESSA WHAT HAPPENED?

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD A LOOSE TOOTH.
grossl
I D DN'T KNOW E.THER
I WAS EAT NG A P ECE OF CANDY AND IT CAME OU T
I'LL TAKE HER TO THE BATHROOM
MA.LORY, CAN YOU START MAKING D.NNER WITH EVERYONE EL.SE?
I WANT TJNA F SH SANDW CHES
gurgle gurgle

PHEW...
IF ANY OF US CLUB MEMBERS HAD DOUBTS ABOUT THE POWER OF THE CHAIN LETTER
THEY WERE GONE AFTER CLAUDIA AND MAL'S SITTING EXPERIENCE
WE WERE IN BIG TROUBLE. ALL OF US.



CHAPTER 9
THIS. S AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE BABY SITTERS CLUB
YOU ALL KNOW WHY YOU'VE BEEN CALLED HERE
BECAUSE OF ME
BECAUSE I TEMPTED FATE AND THREW AWAY A CHAIN LETTER
AND THEN HAD BEEN FORCED TO WEAR A BAD LUCK CHARM OR ELSE
OR ELSE WHAT?
THE END OF CIVILIZATION AS WE KNOW IT?

SOMETHING MUST BE DONE ABOUT MARY ANNE'S, UM.
PROBLEM.
WELL, WE'VE GOT THE BOOKS. WE'D BETTER START GOING THROUGH THEM TO
OH, WHAT'S THE WORD?
GET RID OF THE BAD STUFF?
COUNTERACT A SPELL TO COUNTERACT THE BAD-LUCK CHARM S OUR ONLY HOPE
ALL RIGHT, LET'S START LOOKING
TOOTSIE RO . ANYONE?

MAGIC
THERE'S A SPELL HERE FOR TURNING BAD LUCK TO GOOD LUCK MAYBE THIS COULD WORK
MAYBE!
WHAT DOES IT SAY?

LET'S SEE..TO REVERSE THE COURSE OF LUCK, PRESS A WHITE ROSE BETWEEN THE PAGES OF A BOOK OF SORCERY
AFTER WAITING TWO MONTHS -
TWO MONTHS!
WHITE ROSE?
BOOK OF SORCERY??
WE DON'T HAVE A ROSE. WE DON'T HAVE A BOOK OF SORCERY.
AND WE CAN'T WAIT TWO MONTHS!
WELL, EXCUSE ME.
I CAN'T HELP WHAT THE BOOK SAYS.

HEY! HERE'S A LOVE SPELL
A LOVE SPELL?
YEAH YOU KNOW, TO GET THE PERSON YOU LIKE TO FALL FOR YOU.
ALL YOU NEED IS A LOCK OF THEIR HAIR, A FINGERNAIL CLIPPING...
CURSES
ONE OF THEIR EYELASHES
MARY ANNE!
GIRLS?
EVERYTHING OKAY UP THERE?

YES, MOM!
KRISTY I KNOW THIS IS SERIOUS, BUT PLEASE CALM DOWN ALL RIGHT?
FINE
CURSES
GOSH
THERE'S A STORM COMING LOOK AT THE SKY

OOH CREEPY
CURSES
I THINK I FOUND SOME THING
BOOM

HM, ANYWAY..TH S SPELL DOESN'T EXACTLY COUNTERACT BAD LUCK, BJT IT'S SUPPOSED TO GET RID OF IT
..ET'S HEAR IT
ON A P ECE OF PAPER, WRITE YOUR NAME, BIRTH DATE, ZOD AC SIGN, AND .UCKY NUMBER.
DAWN
Feb 5
11
OKAY
PLACE THE PAPER N AN AIRTIGHT G..ASS CONTAINER BY AN ELM TREE ON THE NIGHT OF A FULL MOON
WE COULD DO THAT
THE NEXT MORN.NG, OPEN THE JAR, ADD TWO HAIRS FROM AN OX'S TAI.. SCRAP NGS FROM THE .NDER S DE OF A SEA SNAKE
ARE YOU MAKING THIS UP?

UNFORTUNATELY NOT
CRACK!
!!
!!
!!
DOOM
MAYBE WE'RE GOING ABOUT THIS ALL WRONG.
Y'KNOW WE HAVEN'T EVEN FIGURED OUT WHO SENT THE BAD-LUCK CHARM
IF WE KNEW MAYBE WE COULD LOOK UP A SPELL TO PUT ON THEM.
LIKE A BAD-LUCK SPELL OR SOMETHING
!

WHO SAYS SOMEONE SENT THE CHARM? IT JUST APPEARED.
THAT WAS PART OF YOUR BAD LUCK FROM THROWING OUT THE CHAIN LETTER
BUT SOMEONE HAD TO SEND IT IT CAME WITH A NOTE AND EVERYTH NG
THE QUESTION S WHO SENT T AND WHY?
HMM. I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN.
LIKE IS IT SOMEONE WE KNOW?
OR SOME EVIL AND UNKNOWN FORCE?
L KE AN EVIL POWERMASTER?
AN EVIL POWERMASTER?
YOU'RE SCARING ME, KRISTY

IT COULD BE SOMETHING LIKE THAT THOUGH
RIGHT I'VE WATCHED ENOUGH HORROR MOVIES TO KNOW
CRCK!!
EEK!
MARY ANNE, DID YOU SAVE THE BOX THAT THE CHARM CAME IN? OR THE NOTE?
NO WAY
DARN, THEY MIGHT HAVE CONTAINED CLUES TO WHO SENT IT...
SORRY THEY'RE LONG GONE
I THREW THEM OUT THE DAY I GOT THE CHARM.

SIIGH
WHY CAN'T THINGS BE SIMPLER?
LAST YEAR MY BIGGEST CONCERN WAS WHO I WAS GOING WITH TO THE HALLOWEEN HOP
HEY! D D I TELL YOU THAT I'M GOING WITH AUSTIN BENTLEY TH S YEAR?
YOU DIDN'T
OOH!
WELL, I AM BUT T'S NO BIG DEAL HE'S OKAY I GUESS
WHO E.SE S GOING?
I'M GOING, BUT I DON'T HAVE A DATE I DON'T NEED ONE TO HAVE FUN.
I'LL BE THERE WITH LOGAN

MARY ANNE, IT'S SO NICE THAT YOU HAVE A STEADY BOYFRIEND. SOMEBODY YOU CAN COUNT ON
EVEN BETTER THAT IT'S LOGAN
HALF THE GIRLS IN OUR GRADE ARE HEAD OVER HEELS FOR HIM
REALLY? LIKE WHO?
LIKE GRACE BLUME. TALK ABOUT A HUGE CRUSH.
SHE PROBABLY HATES HOW CLOSE WE ALL ARE TO HIM.
ORDINARILY I MIGHT HAVE GLOATED ABOUT THAT, BUT WITH THE STORM AND ALL OUR OTHER PROBLEMS I WASN'T IN THE MOOD
THE NEWS ABOUT GRACE JUST FELT LIKE MORE BAD LUCK

CHAPTER 10
OCTOBER 30. HALLOWEEN HOP NIGHT!
LOGAN AND I FINALLY DECIDED THAT WE WOULD DRESS UP
WE'D BOTH WEAR COSTUMES INSPIRED BY CATS, A MUSICAL WE'D SEEN TOGETHER. ASIDE FROM RENTING THE HEADDRESSES, WE MADE EVERYTHING OURSELVES.

HOW DO I LOOK TIGGER?
HISS
MROWR
ha ha ha

HEY DAD
!!
GRACIOUS, MARY ANNE THAT S SOME COSTUME ESPEC ALLY THAT FUR TH NG
THANKS! I'LL TAKE THAT AS A COMPLIMENT
WHY ARE YOU WEARING THAT NECKLACE?
TH
YES T TAKES AWAY FROM THE COSTUME A LITTLE
OH, DOES IT? HA I DON'T KNOW I..I JUST LIKE IT
WE... ANYWAY
YOU ARE ONE AMAZING CAT

DING-DONG
THAT'S LOGAN.
HAVE FUN, MARY ANNE BE HOME BY 10
OKAY SEE YOU LATER
HEY!
YOUR COSTUME IS FANTASTIC!
THANKS

ORDINARILY DANCES MADE ME INCREDIBLY NERVOUS
I COULD BE PRETTY SHY SOMETIMES
SO I CLUNG TO LOGAN'S ARM AS WE WALKED UP TO THE DOOR
HALLOWEEN HOP
IT HELPED HAVING LOGAN BY MY SIDE. BUT..

VEEN HOP
I STILL FELT SO SELF-CONSCIOUS. WHAT IF EVERYONE STARED AT ME?
HALLOWEEN HOP
BUT NOTHING HAPPENED ONCE WE WERE INSIDE, I WAS ABLE TO RELAX A LITTLE

HI, MARY ANNE!
HI, LOGAN
HEY, GUYS!
GREAT COSTUMES! WHO MADE UP YOUR FACES?
WE DID THEM OURSELVES
WOW
LOOK WHO'S ALSO HERE

COKE AND GRACE?
THEY MAKE ME SO UNCOMFORTABLE
OH, THEY JUST THINK THEY'RE BETTER THAN EVERYONE ELSE
REALLY? THAT'S FUNNY I ALWAYS THOUGHT THEY THOUGHT THAT WE THOUGHT WE WERE BETTER THAN EVERYONE ELSE
WELL, WE ARE
ha ha!

ALL RIGHT
SHALL WE?

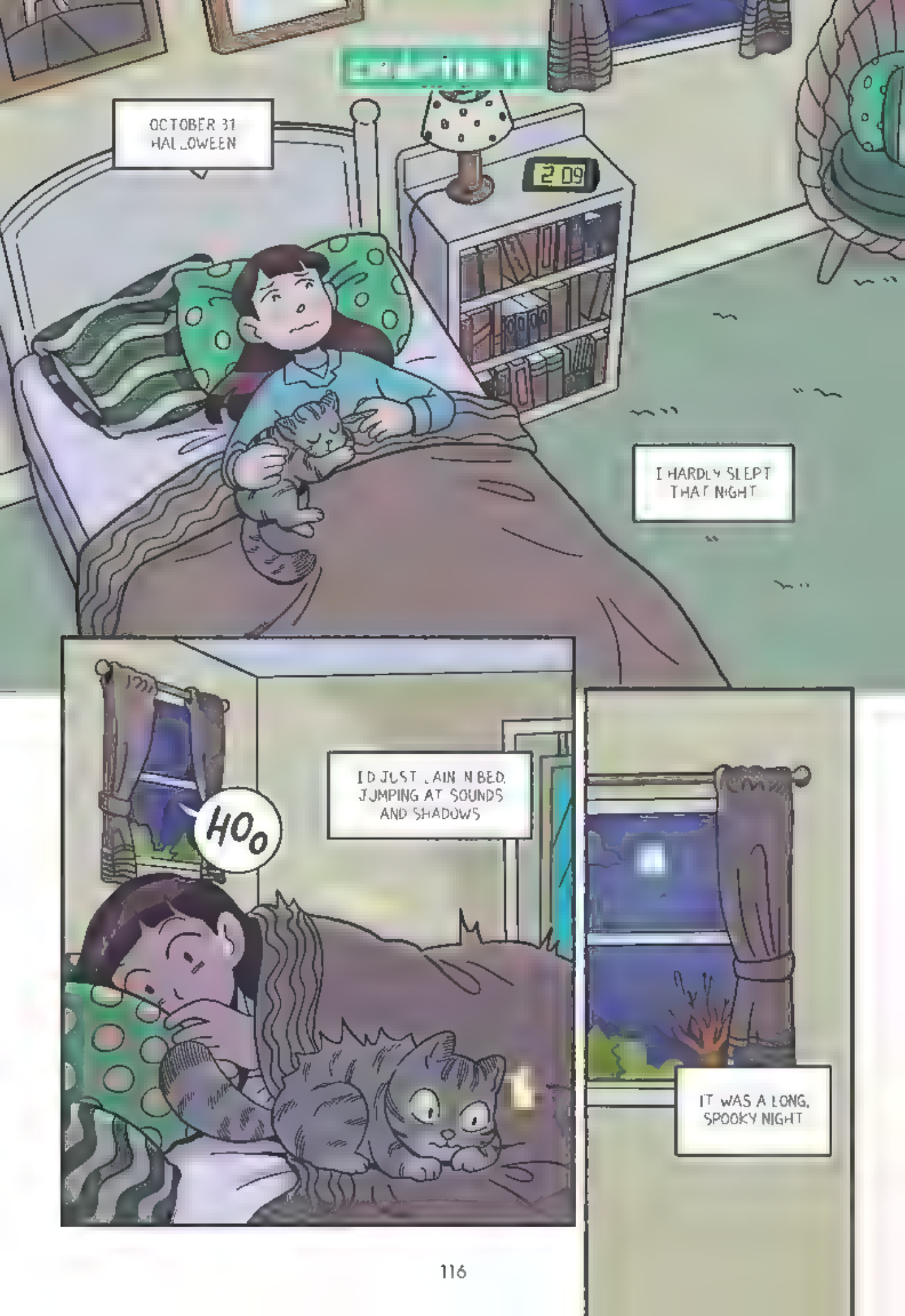
EXCUSE ME
MIND IF WE SWITCH PARTNERS FOR A SONG?

OH.
HI COR E
RE
CUTE
CUST ME
YKNOW I DISAGREE
WITH MY FR ENDS
I DON T THINK YOU LOOK
R D CULOUS AT ALL AND
NICE BAD LUCK CHARM
A YEAR AGO A COMMENT
L KE THAT MIGHT HAVE
MADE ME BURST NTO
TEARS AND RUN HOME
BUT THAT N GHT I S MPL Y
WA TED JNTIL LOGAN WAS
M Y PARTNER AGA N

THEN LOGAN AND I DANCED THE NIGHT AWAY
I DIDN'T EVEN TELL HIM ABOUT COKIE'S RUDE COMMENT
GOOD NIGHT, LOGAN! GOOD NIGHT, MR BRUNO!

MY HEART LEAPED INTO MY MOUTH.
BUT I SIMPLY WAVED TO LOGAN AND HIS DAD AGAIN
I EVEN HAD A CHAT WITH DAD
I DON'T KNOW HOW I MANAGED TO WAIT SO LONG BEFORE READING THE NOTE, BUT I DID

To the Girls in the Baby-sitters Club — Go to Old Man Hickory's headstone tomorrow at MIDNIGHT to await your Fate. Be there or beware.
OLD MAN HICKORY'S HEADSTONE WAS IN STONEYBROOK CEMETERY
TOMORROW WAS HALLOWEEN.
AND TOMORROW NIGHT, THE MOON WOULD BE FULL

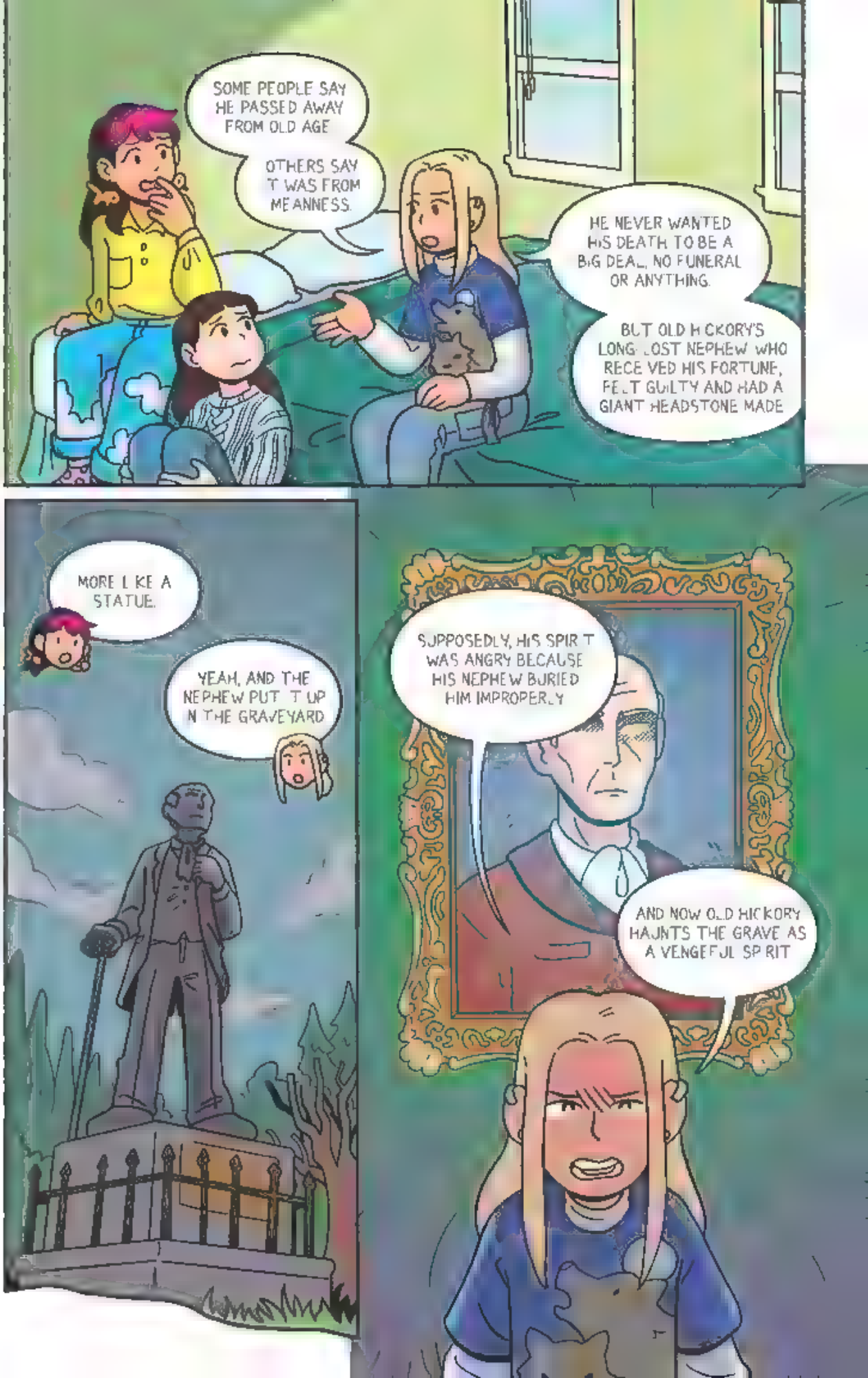

OCTOBER 31
HALLOWEEN
2:09
I HARDLY SLEPT THAT NIGHT
HOO
I'D JUST LAIN N BED, JUMPING AT SOUNDS AND SHADOWS
IT WAS A LONG, SPOOKY NIGHT

I SPENT AN AWFUL LOT OF TIME ON THE PHONE THE NEXT MORNING.
WHICH WAS TRICKY SINCE ONE OF THE HOUSE RULES IS THAT I CAN ONLY SPEND TEN MINUTES ON A PHONE CONVERSATION.
AND I HAD TO MAKE A LOT OF CALLS.
SO, AFTER I GOT BACK FROM THE HALLOWEEN HOP...
YEAH, THE NOTE LOOKS JUST LIKE THE ONE THAT CAME WITH THE CHARM.
EVERYONE HAD A LOT OF QUESTIONS.
OOPS. TEN MINUTES IS UP!
ring ring
HELLO?
IT'S KRISTY. I'M CALLING AN EMERGENCY CLUB MEETING.
ANOTHER ONE?

YES THIS IS A CLUB MATTER, AND IT'S IMPORTANT
WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER, AND WE ... DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT TOGETHER
AYE, AYE, SIR!
THAT AFTERNOON, I ARRIVED AT CLAUDIA'S HOUSE WITH THE LETTER IN HAND
KRISTY LOOKED DEAD SERIOUS

SHE AND CLAUDIA READ THE NOTE
AND AS THE OTHER MEMBERS ARRIVED..
THEY READ IT TOO
THEN KRISTY GOT RIGHT TO THE HEART OF THE MATTER
WE'VE GOT TO DO THIS, YOU KNOW

WE HAVE TO GATHER IN THE GRAVEYARD AT OLD HICKORY'S AT MIDNIGHT TONIGHT JUST LIKE THE NOTE SAYS.
NO WAY!
JM, WHO'S OLD HICKORY?
HE WAS THIS MEAN OLD MAN WHO USED TO LIVE IN STONEYBROOK.
HIS NAME WAS JAMES HICKMAN, BUT EVERYONE CALLED HIM OLD HICKORY.
HE WAS THE RICHEST MAN IN TOWN AS SO THE STINGIEST AND A RECLUSE
WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?
THEY FOUND HIM IN HIS MANSION ONE DAY HE WAS DEAD.

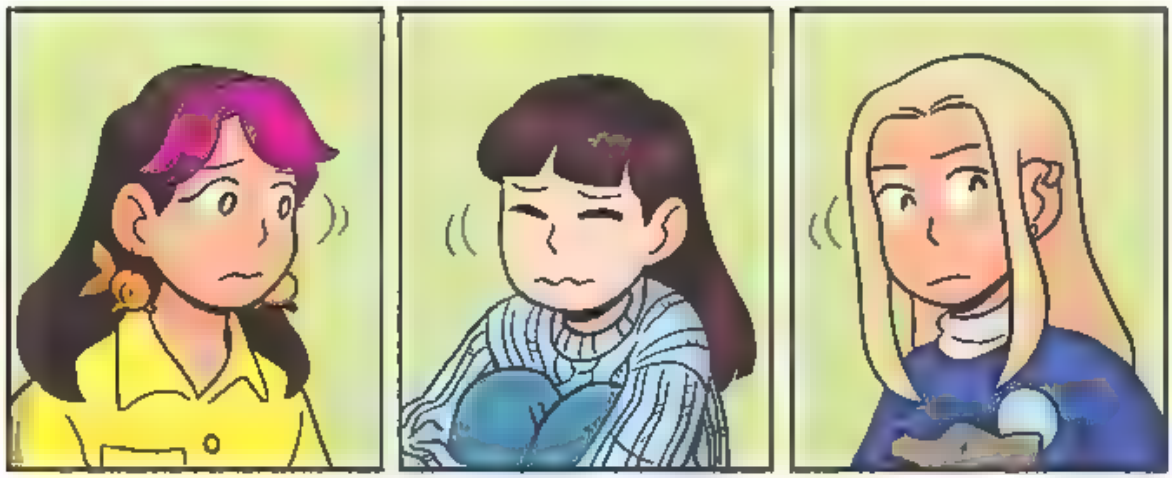

SOME PEOPLE SAY HE PASSED AWAY FROM OLD AGE
OTHERS SAY T WAS FROM MEANNESS.
HE NEVER WANTED HIS DEATH TO BE A BIG DEAL, NO FUNERAL OR ANYTHING.
BUT OLD HICKORY'S LONG LOST NEPHEW WHO RECEIVED HIS FORTUNE, FELT GUILTY AND HAD A GIANT HEADSTONE MADE
MORE LIKE A STATUE.
YEAH, AND THE NEPHEW PUT IT UP IN THE GRAVEYARD
SUPPOSEDLY, HIS SPIRIT WAS ANGRY BECAUSE HIS NEPHEW BURIED HIM IMPROPERLY
AND NOW OLD HICKORY HAUNTS THE GRAVE AS A VENGEFUL SPIRIT

AND WE'RE SUPPOSED TO GO TO A HAUNTED GRAVESTONE IN A CEMETERY?
AT MIDNIGHT ON HALLOWEEN? DURING A FULL MOON?!
I THINK WE BETTER
WE ALL KNOW WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE IGNORE WARNINGS.
BESIDES, I HAVE A FEELING SOMETHING IMPORTANT WILL HAPPEN IN THE GRAVEYARD
LIKE EVERYTHING WILL GET CLEARED UP
BUT WE HAVE TO BE TOGETHER ON THIS.
WE HAVE TO BE A TEAM.

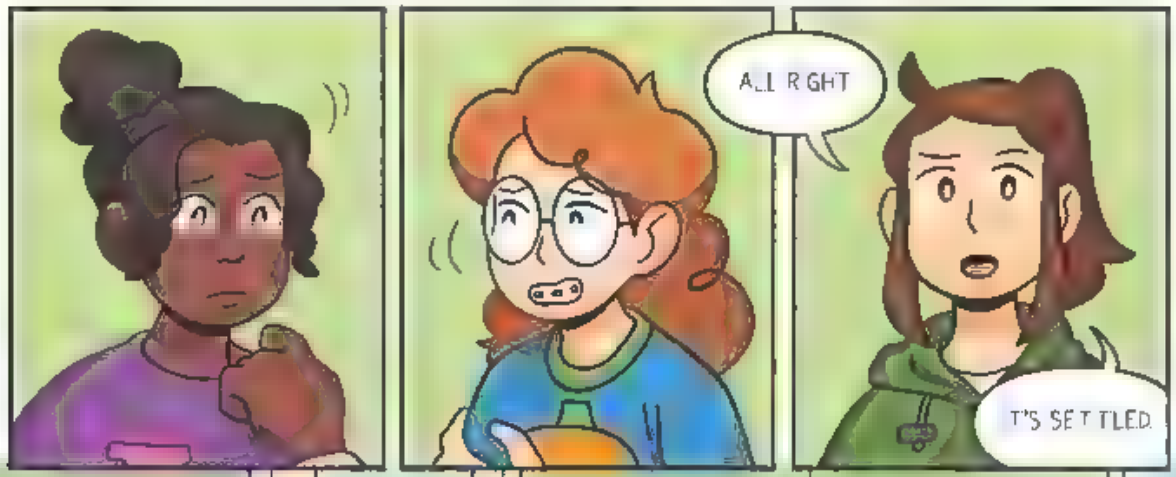
SO, IF YOU'RE WILLING TO DO IT, RAISE YOUR HAND
AND YOU'VE GOT TO MEAN IT
raise
GREAT WE'RE ALL IN, THEN

NOW HOW ARE WE ALL GOING TO SNEAK OUT OF OUR HOUSES TONIGHT?
WE SHOULD PROBABLY LEAVE AROUND 11:30
SNEAK OUT?!
MY DAD'S THE LIGHTEST SLEEPER I COULD NEVER GET AWAY WITH THAT
OH YOU'RE RIGHT HMMM
phew
I GOT IT WE'LL TELL OUR PARENTS THAT WE'RE HAVING A LATE NIGHT HALLOWEEN SLUMBER PARTY!
AT MY HOUSE
DARN
WHY DOES KRISTY ALWAYS HAVE SUCH GOOD IDEAS?

CHARLIE CAN PICK UP EACH OF YOU FROM YOUR HOUSES
WE'LL TELL YOUR PARENTS THAT HE'S TAKING YOU TO MY HOUSE, BUT WE'LL GO TO THE GRAVEYARD INSTEAD
AFTERWARD, WE REALLY WILL SPEND THE NIGHT AT MY HOUSE
AND WE CAN CELEBRATE INTO THE NIGHT
CELEBRATE WHAT?
MAKING IT OUT ALIVE
CHARLIE CAN BE OUR GETAWAY DRIVER IN CASE ANYTHING GOES SOUTH AND HE'LL BE ABLE TO KEEP THE SECRET
DO YOU THINK YOU ALL CAN STICK TO THIS PLAN?



I DON'T KNOW WHY BUT EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US NODDED



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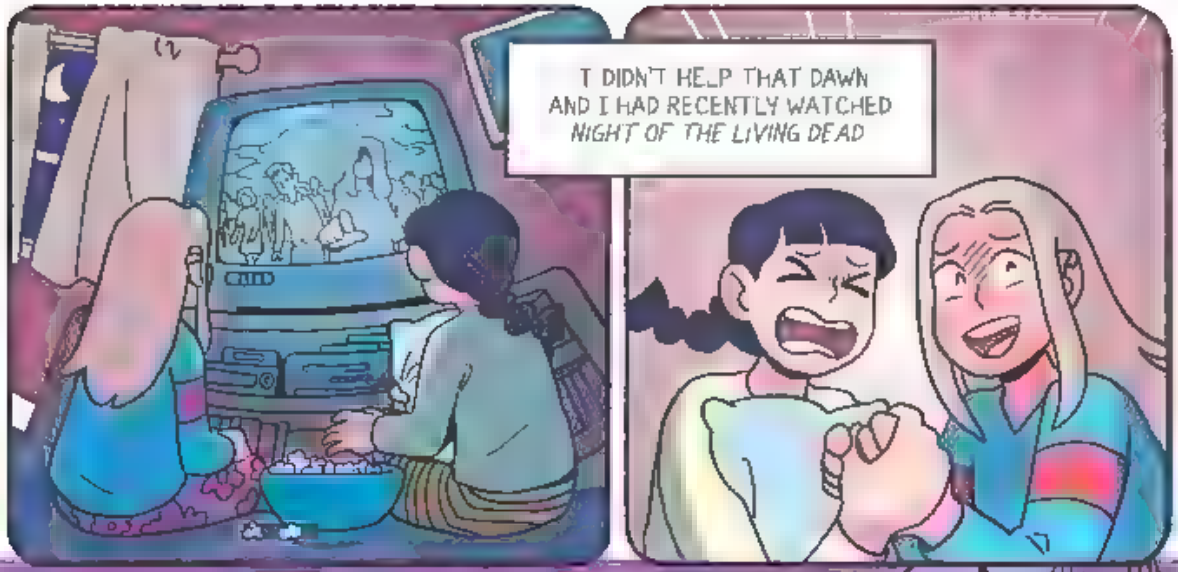
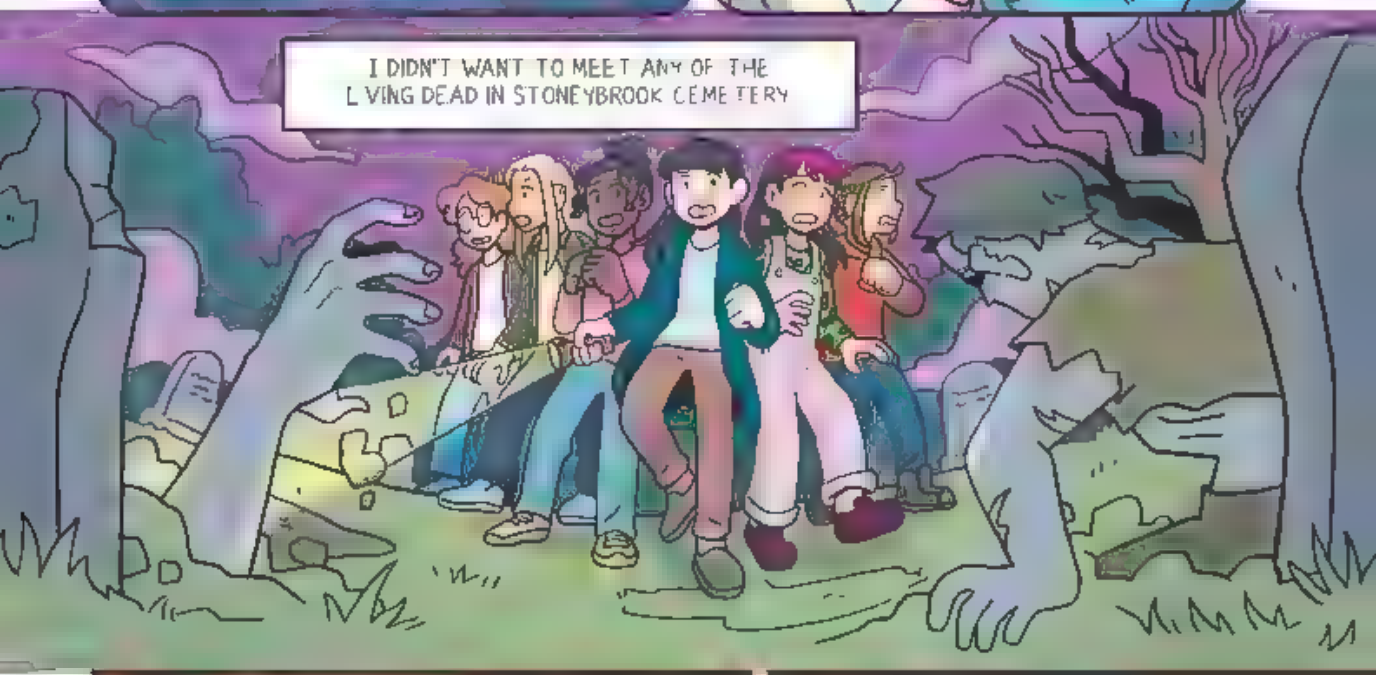
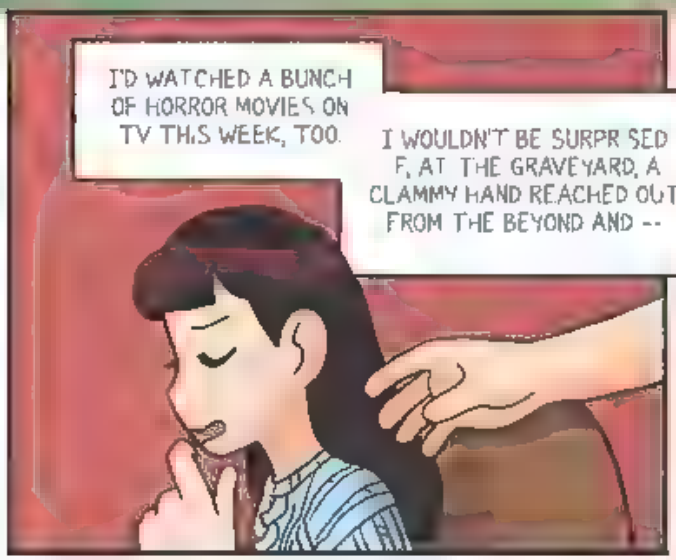
CHAPTER 12
TRICK OR TREAT!
IN THE HOURS THAT FOLLOWED I HAD TO PRETEND EVERYTHING WAS FINE
BOO
PRETEND THERE WASN'T A BAD LUCK SPELL AND A BAD-LUCK CHARM
AND THAT IN A FEW HOURS I WOULDN'T BE HANGING AROUND IN A GRAVEYARD LIKE A FOOL WITH FIVE OTHER FOOLS
WAITING FOR THE ANGRY GHOST OF OLD HICKORY TO APPEAR
DING
DONG
IT WAS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE

AAAAAHHH!
AHHH HA HA HA. WHAT A GREAT COST JME
HAPPY HALLOWEEN
??
I JUST WANT TO LOOK FORWARD TO MY NICE COZY BED TONIGHT NOT A COLD AND CREEPY GRAVEYARD.
I THOUGHT ABOUT CALLING LOGAN SIX DIFFEREN TIMES BUT KRISTY'S WORDS ECHOED IN MY HEAD
eep
TELL NO ONE ABOUT TONIGHT.


I DIDN'T HELP THAT DAWN AND I HAD RECENTLY WATCHED *NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD*


I DIDN'T WANT TO MEET ANY OF THE L VING DEAD IN STONEYBROOK CEME TERY

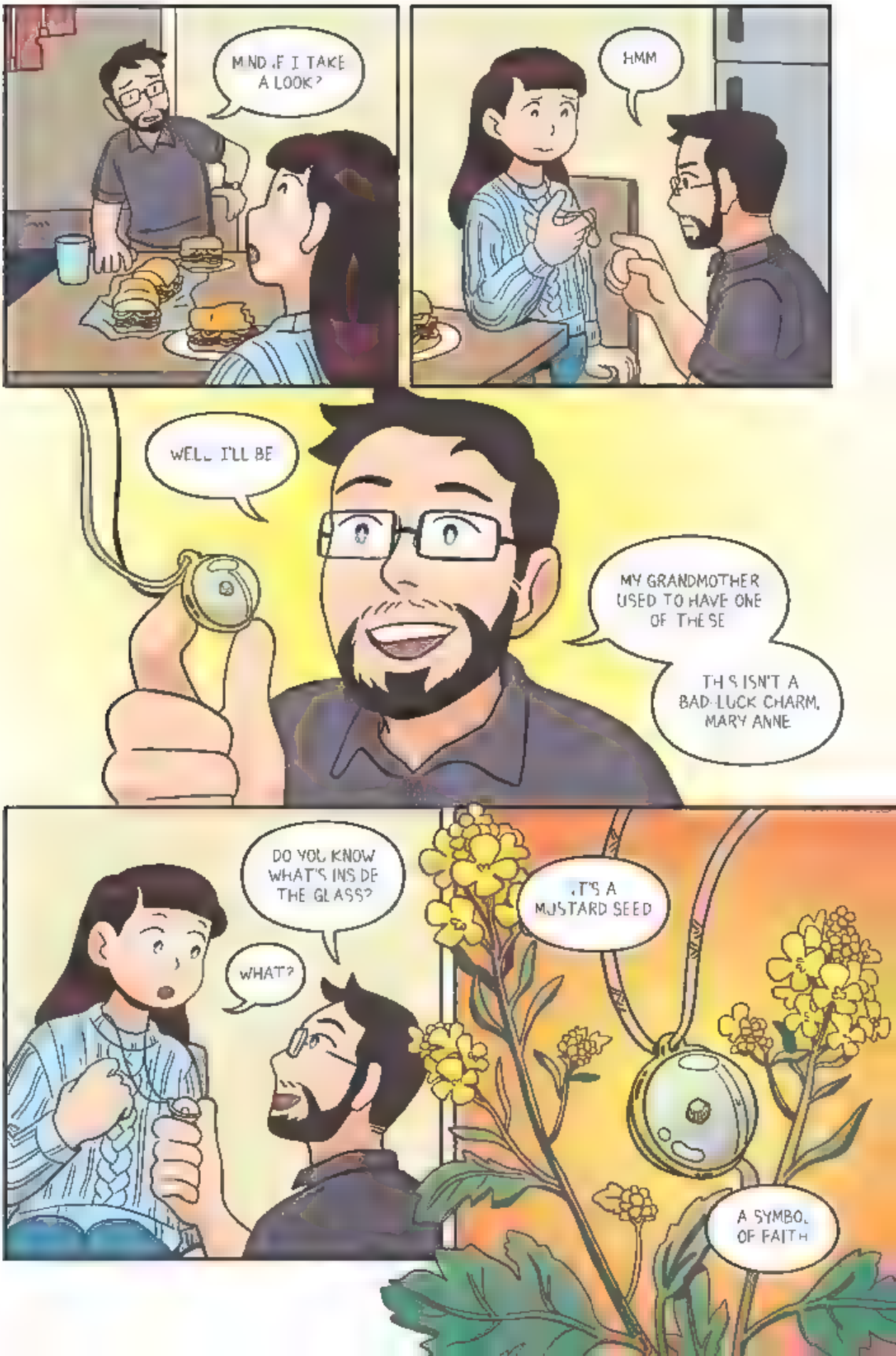

I'D WATCHED A BUNCH OF HORROR MOVIES ON TV THIS WEEK, TOO.
I WOULDN'T BE SURPR SED F, AT THE GRAVEYARD, A CLAMMY HAND REACHED OUT FROM THE BEYOND AND --

EEEEEEEK!!
MARY ANNE
WHAT'S GOT TEN NTO YOU?
OH.
HI, DAD
DINNERTIME

UM. DAD?
YES?
KRISTY'S HAVING A SLUMBER PARTY TONIGHT FOR THE BABY SITTERS CLUB.
IT'S A LATE ONE SO WE CAN, UM, ALL HELP WITH THE TRICK-OR-TREATERS FIRST AND IT WAS A LAST-MINUTE IDEA, WHICH IS WHY I'M TELLING YOU NOW
OH, AND YOU WON'T EVEN HAVE TO DRIVE ME. CHARLIE'S GOING TO GREAT, RIGHT?
SO, UM. CAN I GO?
MAY I GO?
MAY I?
OF COURSE
OH. THANK YOU!

THUD
!!
phew
MARY ANNE, PLEASE
TELL ME WHAT'S WRONG. IS IT HALLOWEEN JITTERS?
UM. YEAH YOU COULD SAY THAT
AREN'T YOU A LITTLE OLD FOR THAT?
YOU KNOW THERE AREN'T ANY GHOULIES, GHOSTIES, OR THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT, DON'T YOU?
WELL I REALLY WASN'T TOO SURE
DAD?
DO YOU BELIEVE IN BAD LUCK?

WELL, I --
BECAUSE A COUPLE WEEKS AGO I WAS, UM DOWNTOWN AND SAW THIS NECKLACE AND THOUGHT IT WAS REALLY PRETTY SO I BOUGHT IT
BUT THEN THIS GIRL AT SCHOOL TOLD ME IT'S A BAD-LUCK CHARM
SO I'M REALLY NERVOUS.
I'VE BEEN WEARING A BAD-LUCK CHARM FOR DAYS AND DAYS NOW
WHY ARE YOU STILL WEARING IT?
GOOD QUESTION.
I DON'T KNOW
I GUESS I'M AFRAID TO TAKE IT OFF

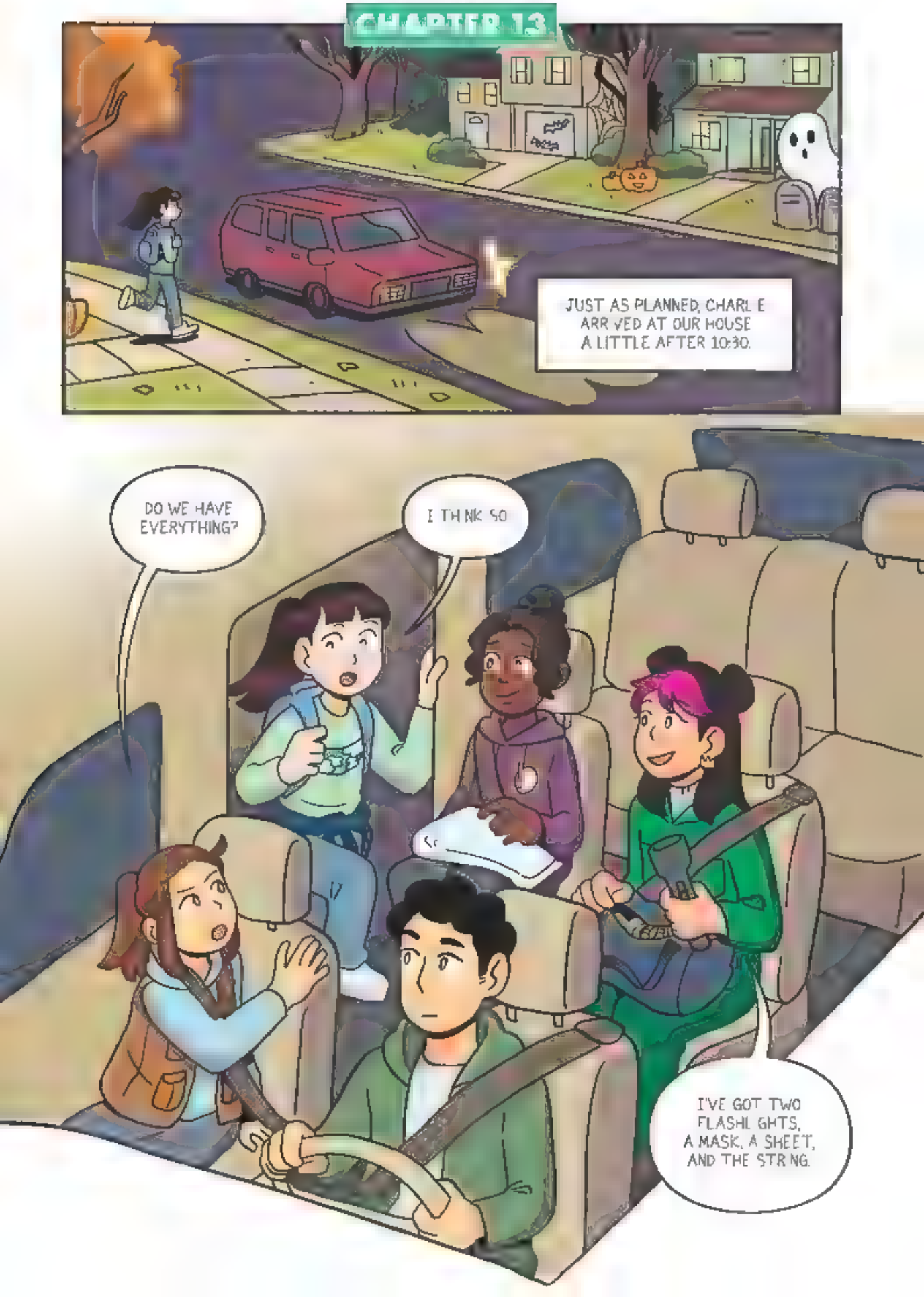

MIND IF I TAKE A LOOK?
HMM
WELL I'LL BE
MY GRANDMOTHER USED TO HAVE ONE OF THESE
THIS ISN'T A BAD LUCK CHARM, MARY ANNE
DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S INSIDE THE GLASS?
WHAT?
IT'S A MUSTARD SEED
A SYMBOL OF FAITH

AFTER DINNER, I KEPT HANDING OUT CANDY AND DID SOME THINKING
AT THE DANCE COKIE THOUGHT THE MUSTARD SEED WAS A BAD-LUCK CHARM TOO.
SHE'S JUST AS BIG AN IDIOT AS THE REST OF US!
BUT NONE OF US TOLD HER IT WAS A BAD-LUCK CHARM
WHY WOULD SHE CALL IT THAT?
WE DIDN'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT IT SO HOW WOULD SHE KNOW?
chew chew
UNLESS...
SHE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT?

DAD, I'M GOING TO MAKE A QUICK PHONE CALL!
SURE I'LL ANSWER THE DOORBELL
HELLO
HI KAREN. IT'S MARY ANNE IS
OH, MARY ANNE WE JUST GOT BACK FROM TRICK-OR-TREATING WE BROUGHT BACK A BUNCH OF CANDY
MARY ANNE?
BUT WE ALSO GOT APPLES GUESS WHO GAVE THEM TO US? MORBIDDA DESTINY! ISN'T THAT SPOOKY?
OH, UM YEAH
CAN I SPEAK TO KRISTY? THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT
HERE, KAREN, GIVE ME THE PHONE

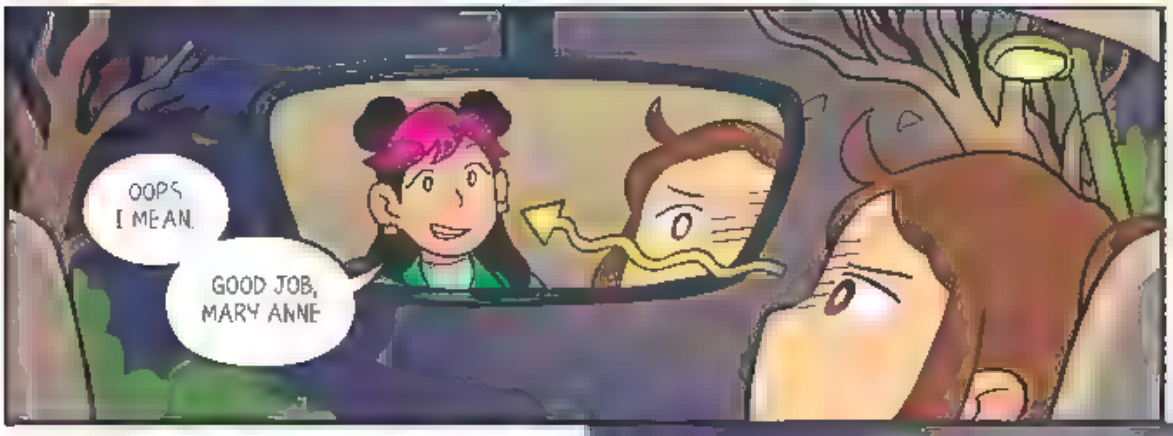
DON'T TELL ME YOU CAN'T COME TONIGHT
OH, I'LL BE THERE NOW IT'S MORE MPORTANT THAN EVER THAT WE GO
I SHOWED THE CHARM TO MY FATHER, AND T TURNS OUT THAT T SN'T A BAD-LUCK CHARM AT ALL
YOU MEAN T'S A GOOD LUCK CHARM?!
NO, T'S NOT EVEN A CHARM!
IT'S A MUSTARD SEED, AND T HAS NOTH NG TO DO WITH LUCK
BUT YOU KNOW, LAST NIGHT AT THE DANCE COK E SAW IT AND CALLED T A BAD-LUCK CHARM.
IF T ISN'T A BAD LUCK CHARM THAT EVERYONE KNOWS ABOUT, AND IF WE NEVER TOLD ANYONE, THEN WHY DID COK E CA... T ONE?
UNLESS...!
EXACTLY
AHH THAT DARN COK E! SHE AND GRACE ARE SO
THEY MAKE ME WANT TO YELL!

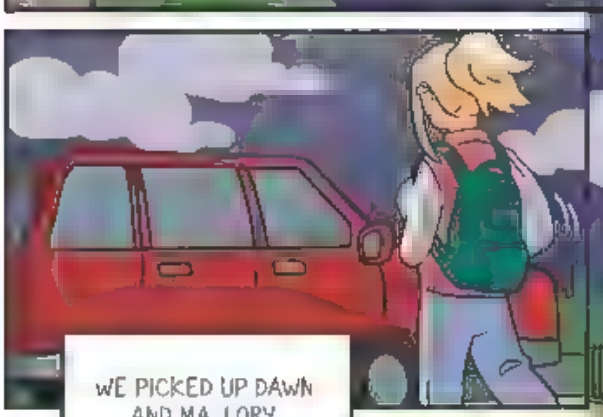
OH!
OH!
I HAVE AN IDEA
WE'VE GOT TO TELL THE OTHERS WHAT YOU FOUND OUT
AND WE'LL NEED TO BRING SOME EXTRA THINGS TONIGHT
BRING A MASK AND A FLASHLIGHT
OH, AND.
KRISTY WAS OFF AND RUNNING WITH ANOTHER ONE OF HER FAMOUS IDEAS.


CHAPTER 13
JUST AS PLANNED, CHARLIE ARRIVED AT OUR HOUSE A LITTLE AFTER 10:30.
DO WE HAVE EVERYTHING?
I THINK SO
I'VE GOT TWO FLASHLIGHTS, A MASK, A SHEET, AND THE STRING.

GREAT I BROUGHT SOMETHING TO PLAY THE SOUND EFFECTS
WE'RE GOING TO GET 'EM!
ARE YOU SCARED?
TERRIFIED YOU?
TERRIFIED, TOO
BUT THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A LITTLE REVENGE
HEHEHEEHEE
HEY YOU DIDN'T TELL LOGAN ABOUT THIS, DID YOU?
I DIDN'T AND IT WASN'T EASY

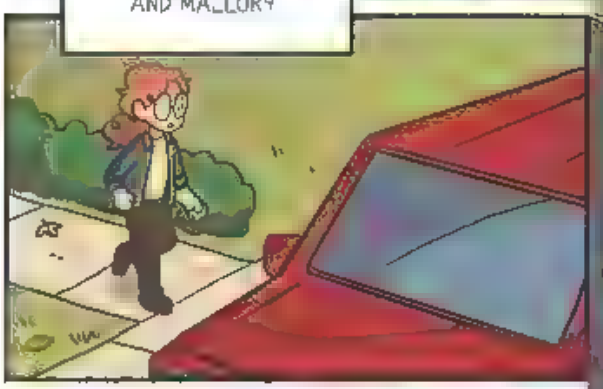
BUT IF I TOLD HIM I KNEW HE'D WANT TO COME ALONG.
HE MIGHT HAVE EVEN TOLD OUR PARENTS AND WE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO COME AT ALL.
THAT DOESN'T SOUND SO BAD.



AND THEN.

WE PICKED UP DAWN AND MALLORY



WE HEADED FOR THE GRAVEYARD

PULL OVER HERE
WAIT FOR US ALL RIGHT?
REMEMBER EVERYTHING I TOLD YOU
AND BE PREPARED TO GET HELP IF WE NEED IT
YOU OWE ME FOR THIS
OKAY
LET'S GO TO OLD HICKORY'S

HERE T S.
HERE?
T'S PITCH B_ACK! WHY ARE A_L THESE TREES HERE?
OLD H CKORY'S NEPHEW PLANTED THEM.
MORE STUFF HIS UNCLE DIDN'T WANT
..MORE REASONS FOR H M TO BE ANGRY.
OKAY ENOUGH TA_K LET'S GET TO WORK
WE.. RIG UP THE GHOSTS F RST

AOOOWo
ALL RIGHT IT'S 11:25
LET'S GO OVER THE PLAN ONE MORE TIME

I WAS SMOOSHED UP AGAINST OLD HICKORY'S GRAVE
ON HALLOWEEN, NEAR MIDNIGHT
UNDER A FULL MOON
WHAT WERE WE DOING

CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE LOOKS ON THEIR FACES
PHWEEEEFF
KRISTY GAVE THE SIGNAL
clik
OOOOOHHH
EEEEEE
WH WHAT WAS THAT?

cl
ck
AGH!!
AAAH!
HELP!!
AAAHHHH
OOOOOHOOVUUOHH
RE LIES
H.C MAN

T'S THE GHOST OF OLD MAN HICKORY
GAAAHAHAHAHAHA
1932
OH HELP
NOW!
OH HELP
AIIEEEEEE
!!
AAAAAHHH
HAHAHAHA

!!
BL
EH
YOU!

YOU LITTLE SNEAKS!
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT US?
LOOK AT ALL THE THINGS YOU BROUGHT!
!
ARE YOU JUST UPSET WE BEAT YOU TO THE PUNCH?
WELL. THIS WASN'T WHAT I EXPECTED TO SEE TONIGHT
CHARLIE
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO STAY IN THE CAR!

LOGAN?
MARY ANNE?
SOMEBODY BETTER EXPLAIN WHAT'S GOING ON HERE
WELL IT WON'T BE ME
OR ME
THEN I... TALK
I WAS EATING A NICE, PLEASANT DINNER WHEN THE PHONE RANG.
THIS PERSON TOLD ME TO GO TO SOME OLD HOOJP'S GRAVE AT MIDNIGHT IF I WANTED TO SEE SOMETHING AMAZING
I'M CURIOUS AND LIKE A LITTLE ADVENTURE SO I AGREED
WHEN I GOT TO THE CEMETERY I RAN INTO CHARLIE THOMAS! HE DIRECTED ME TO THE GRAVE

AND I FIND MY GOOD FRIENDS SCARING THE PANTS OFF YOU GUYS!
WHAT DID Y'ALL DO TO DESERVE THIS?
HA TALK ABOUT SCARED
YOUR GIRLFRIEND WAS THE ONE WHO WAS SCARED TO DEATH BY A LITTLE NECKLACE WE SENT HER
SO YOU DID SEND IT!
THE CHAIN LETTER, TOO?
WHAT CHAIN LETTER?
BUT WHY?
WHY DID YOU SEND MARY ANNE THE CHARM AND ASK US TO COME HERE TONIGHT?

HMPH
OH, WE MIGHT AS WELL JUST TELL THEM
WE WANTED TO MAKE ALL OF YOU BUT ESPECIALLY MARY ANNE LOOK LIKE JERKS
IT WASN'T COOL WHEN MARY ANNE EMBARRASSED US IN FRONT OF EVERYONE IN THE CAFETERIA.
IF WE SCARED YOU, WE COULD GET BACK AT YOU AND EMBARRASS MARY ANNE IN FRONT OF LOGAN.
I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO FEEL EMBARRASSED
LIKE EVERYONE'S WATCHING AND JUDGING YOU

I'M SORRY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN THE CAFETERIA
BUT EVEN SINCE BEFORE THEN YOU'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT US BEHIND OUR BACKS.
SAYING HURTFUL THINGS.
YEAH JUDGING US WITHOUT KNOWING US
BABY SITTING ISN'T EASY AND WE'RE GOOD AT OUR JOBS!
AND OUR KIDS AND THEIR PARENTS GENUINELY LIKE US
WE'RE PROUD TO BE MEMBERS OF THE BABY-SITTERS CLUB.

AND COKIE GRACE
EVEN IF YOUR PRANK WORKED AND YOU SCARED MARY ANNE IN FRONT OF ME
IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT SHE'S
SHE'S MY G
GIR
ANYWAY, EVERYONE IN THE CLUB IS CARING AND KINDHEARTED
I HOPE YOU CAN SEE THAT ONE DAY TOO
SO THERE
C'MON, LET'S GO CHARLIE'S WAIT NG

AND WE HAVE SOME CELEBRATING TO DO
WA T
YOU'RE NOT GO NG TO TE.. ANYONE ABOUT THIS, ARE YOU?
WE WON'T
BUT I HOPE THE NEXT TIME YOU HAVE A PROBLEM W TH SOMEONE, IT WON'T COME DOWN TO PRANKS AND TR CKS AND SCAR NG PEOPLE

CHAPTER 14
IT'S OVER
MY BAD-LUCK MYSTERY IS FINALLY OVER!!

GIRLS COULD YOU KEEP T DOWN?
THERE ARE SEVEN OTHER PEOPLE, PLUS A CAT AND A DOG, WHO ARE TRYING TO SLEEP
SORRY MOM!
ha ha!
YOU KNOW.
NOW THAT THE MYSTERY S OVER, I TH NK I'LL KEEP THE CHARM --
I MEAN THE NECKLACE
I L KE KNOW NG THAT IT'S A SYMBOL OF FA TH
IT REMiNDS ME OF LOGAN AND ME WE'RE FAITHFUL TO EACH OTHER.

CUTE
WHAT IS IT, JESS?
SOME THING'S BEEN BOTHERING ME
COKIE AND GRACE WERE BEHIND THE NECKLACE AND CUTOUT NOTES
BUT COKIE SAID THEY DIDN'T SEND THE CHAIN LETTER
THE CHAIN LETTER STARTED THE MYSTERY
IF THEY DIDN'T SEND IT WHO DID?

YOU'RE RIGHT
MAYBE THERE IS GOOD AND BAD LUCK AFTER A
MAYBE COKE AND GRACE WERE MY BAD LUCK
IF I HADN'T BROKEN THE CHAIN MAYBE THEY NEVER WOULD HAVE TRIED TO TRICK US
WHOA
I WONDER HOW LONG BAD LUCK LASTS
MAYBE WE NEED A SPELL AFTER ALL SHOULD WE CHECK THE LIBRARY BOOKS?
I HAD TO RETURN THEM THEY WERE OVERDUE

WELL, WE COULD MAKE UP OUR OWN SPELL
HERE, MARY ANNE LET ME PULL OUT ONE OF YOUR EYELASHES
NO WAY!
HA HA HA
YOU KNOW, EVEN IF BAD LUCK DID VISIT US AFTER THE LETTER, I THINK IT'S OVER NOW
THOSE OF US WHO WENT TO THE DANCE HAD FUN
AND WE PULLED A GOOD TRICK ON GRACE AND CONFIRMED OUR LUCK IS CHANGING
I GOT AN EIGHTY-FIVE ON MY MATH TEST

I FOUND MY LOST WATCH!
ONE OF MY FAVOR TE AUTHORS S DOING AN EVENT IN STAMFORD SOON
MY BROTHER'S GE TT NG A'S AT H S NEW SCHOOL N CA..IFORN.A
MY BALLET TEACHER TOLD ME I M ONE OF HER BEST STUDENTS EVER
THEN IT'S OVER
NO MATTER WHERE THE CHAIN LE TTER CAME FROM.. THE BAD LUCK MYSTERY IS OVER
WE CAN STOP BE NG W TCHES AND GO BACK TO BEING BABY-SITTERS!

KR AK!
OH OH.
OH NO. MARY ANNE!
YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS, RIGHT? SEVEN YEARS OF BAD LUCK!
HA HA!
WELL, I CAN TAKE IT
I'VE DEC DED THAT SINCE MY MUSTARD SEED S A SYMBOL OF FAITH. WE'RE PROTECTED.

SO GO AHEAD. BREAK ALL THE MIRRORS YOU WANT!
ha ha ha!

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